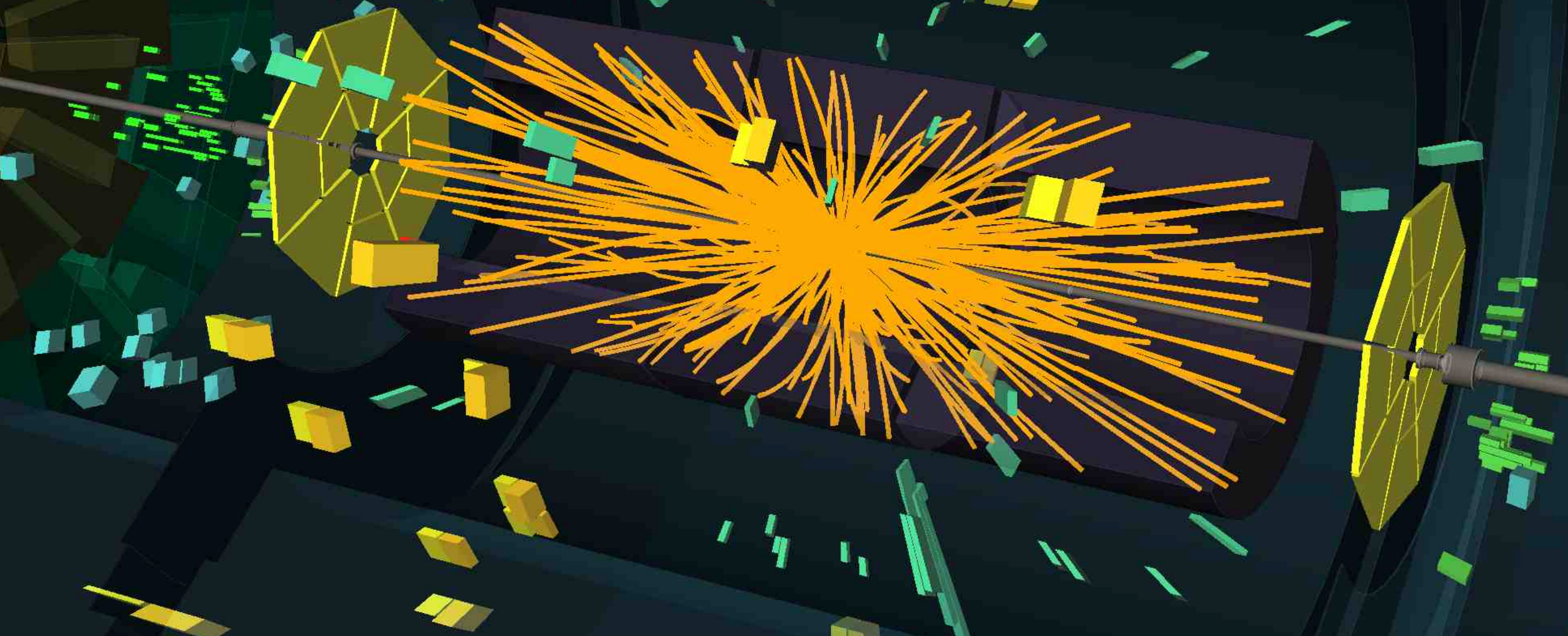


# Quantum Pattern Recognition for Charged Particle Tracking The *HEP.QPR* Project

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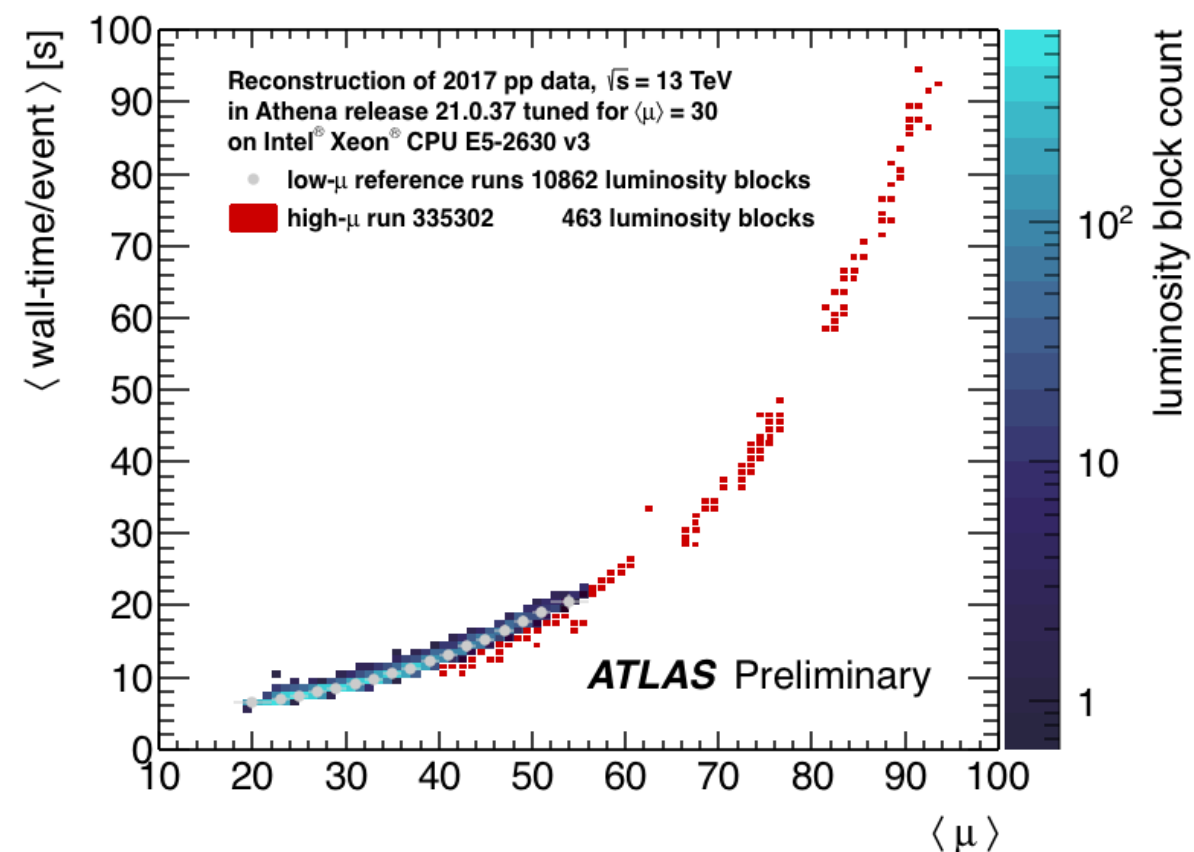
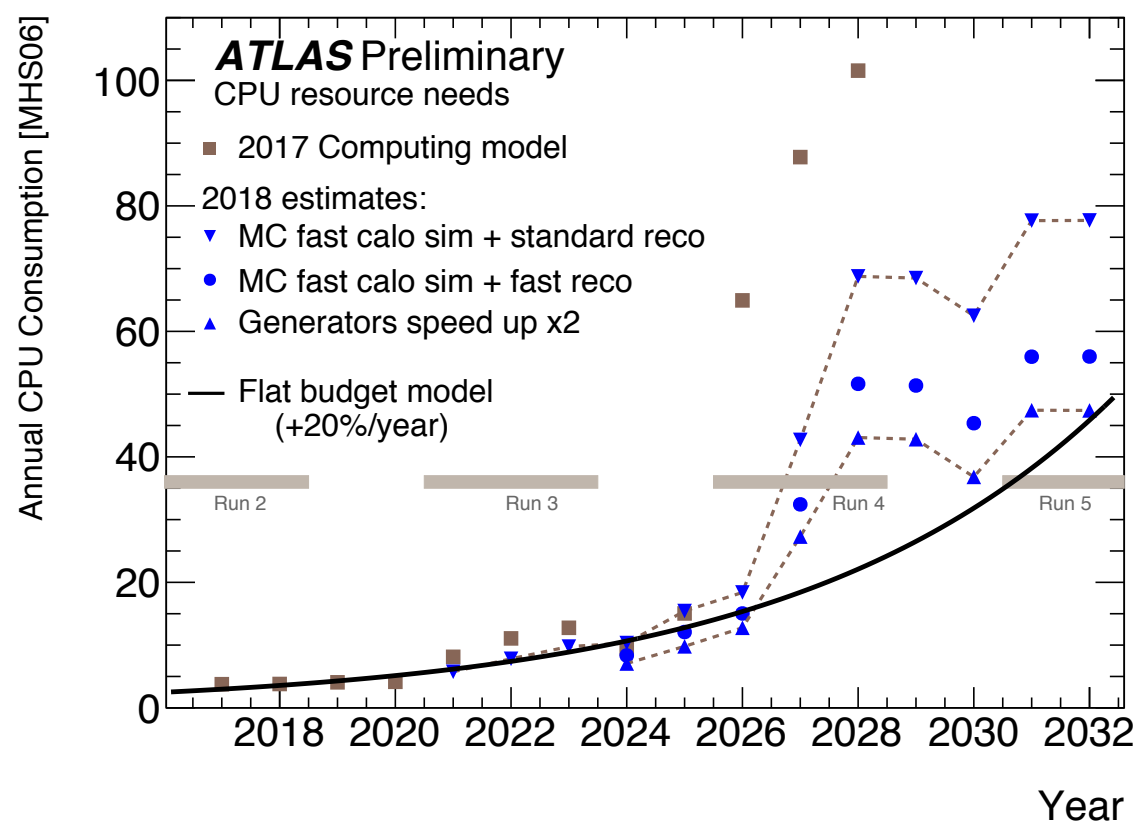


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# Computing for HL-LHC

- The HL-LHC environment is expected to pose a **challenge** for computing
  - Increased **luminosity**
  - Increased **read-out rates** (trigger+detector upgrades)
  - Increased **pile up**
- Currently project to need more CPU time than will be available
  - Dominated by **track reconstruction**
- Also expect to need 10x more disk storage

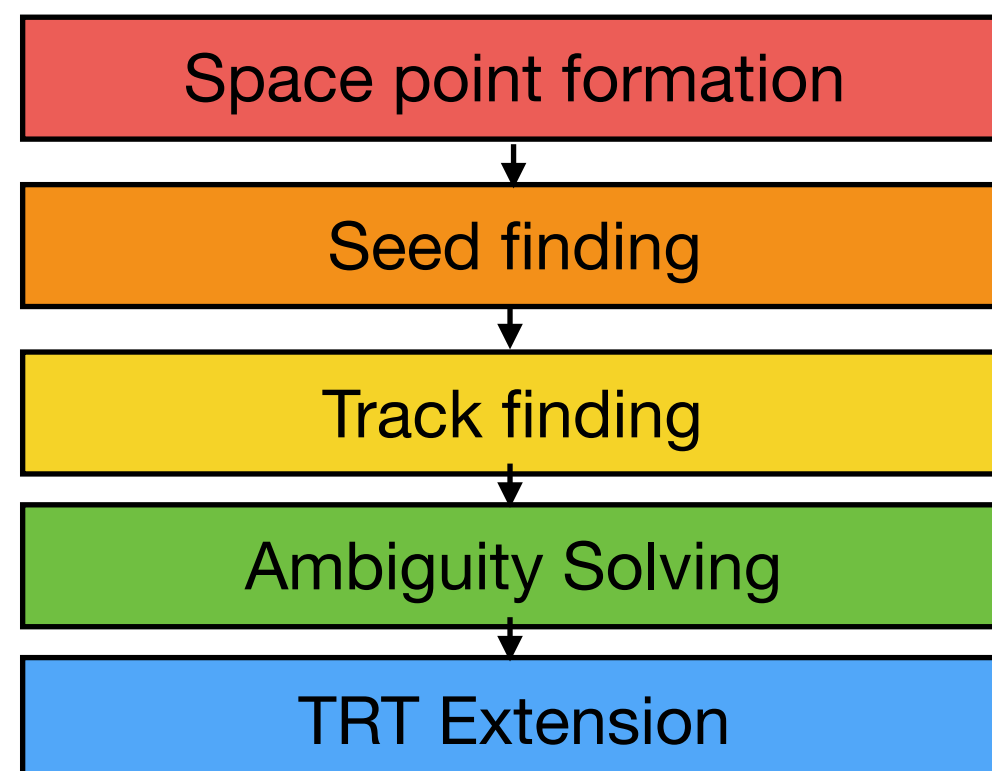
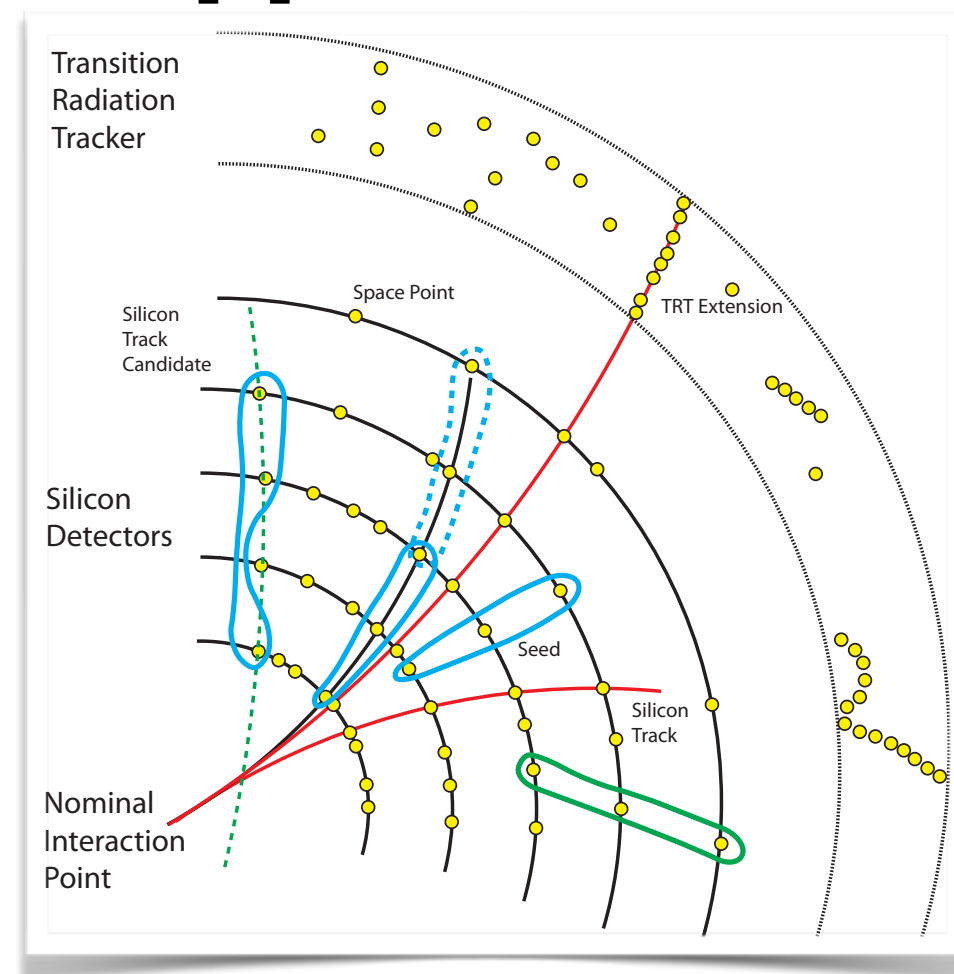
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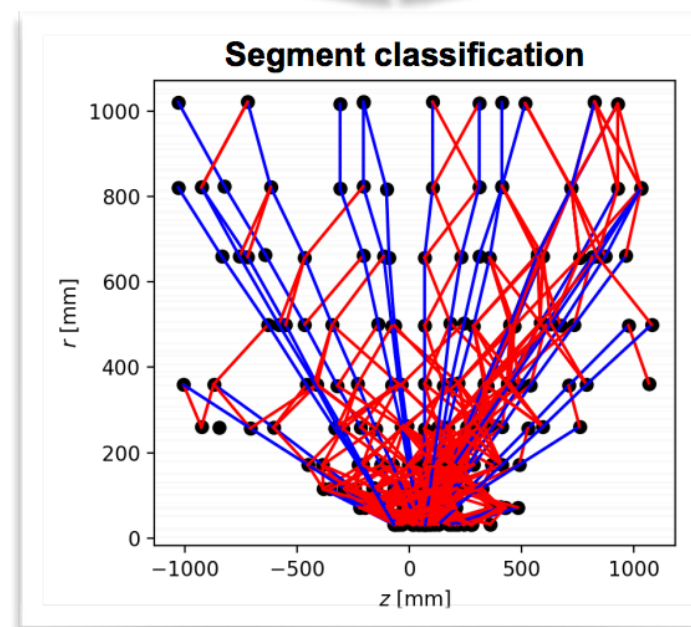
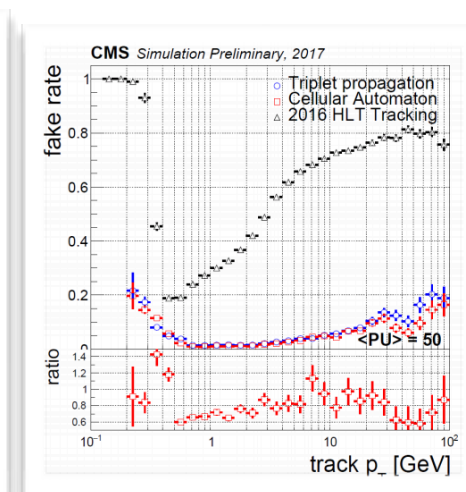
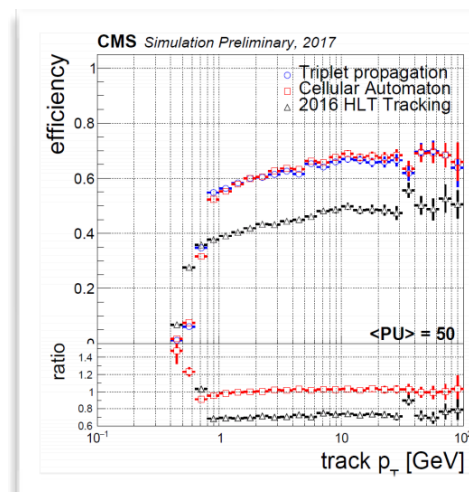
# Tracking Algorithms: Current Approaches

- Methods for track finding can be classified as either global or local
  - **Global:** Treat all measurements simultaneously
    - Hough, Legendre transforms
  - **Local:** Process measurements sequentially
    - track road, track following
- Tracking algorithms for silicon detectors at the LHC generally follow a multi-step local track following algorithms based on the Kalman filter
- Such local algorithms provide opportunities for parallelisation, but the execution time scales with the number of tracks



# Tracking approaches for HL-LHC

- Many new approaches are currently being explored for the tracking problem for the HL-LHC
- Some focus on developing new algorithms, with many of these projects focussed on machine learning
  - e.g. cellular automata, TrackML challenge, graph NNs
- Others focus on exploiting new hardware such as GPUs and FPGAs
  - Exploit parallelisation, but programming environments are challenging



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See talks by J.R. Vlimant, P. Calafiura and others



# Initial ideas of quantum computing

*“Let the computer itself be built of quantum mechanical elements which obey quantum mechanical laws.”*

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*Wednesday, April 13*

6:00–8:00 P.M.—Informal Reception at Fuller Lodge

*Thursday, April 14*

Main Auditorium, Administration Building

8:45 A.M. Welcome—Donald M. Kerr, Director

Los Alamos National Laboratory

*Session I*—Robert Serber, Chairman

9:00 A.M. Richard Feynman

“Tiny Computers Obeying Quantum-Mechanical Laws”

10:00 A.M. I. I. Rabi

“How Well We Meant”

11:00–11:15 A.M.—Intermission

*Session II*—Donald W. Kerst, Chairman

11:15 A.M. Owen Chamberlain

“Tuning Up the Time Projection Chamber”

12:15–1:15 P.M.—Lunch

1:15 P.M. Felix Bloch

“Past, Present and Future of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance”

2:15–2:30 P.M.—Intermission

*Session III*—Edwin McMillan, Chairman

2:30 P.M. Robert R. Wilson

“Early Los Alamos Accelerators and New Accelerators”

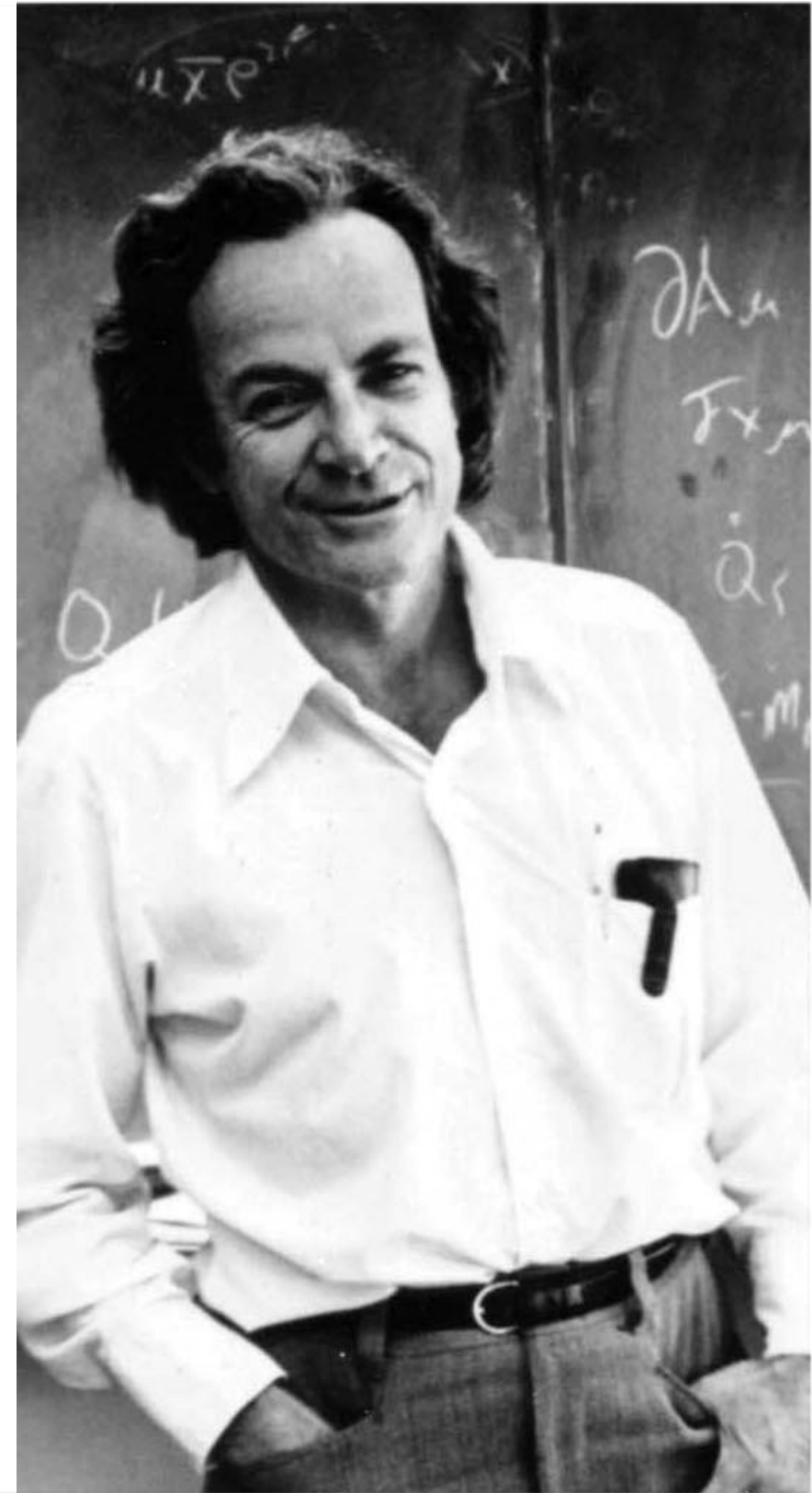
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“Experiments on Time-Reversal Symmetry and Parity”

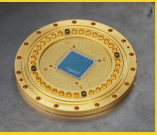
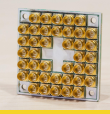
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“Physics with Heavy Ion Accelerators”

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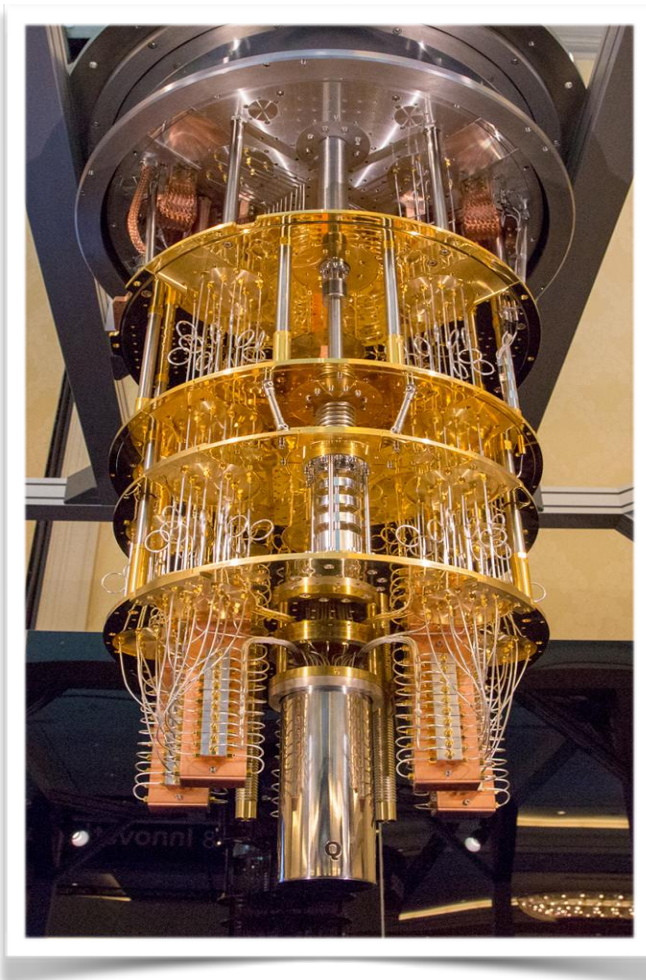
# Current Quantum Technologies

Quantum Chip	Qubits	Announced	Qubit Archetype	Computing Model
<b>D-Wave XX &amp; 2000Q</b> 	~5000	02/2019	Superconducting <b>flux</b> qubits	Quantum annealing
	2048	01/2017		
<b>IBM 20Q and 50Q</b> 	20	11/2017	Superconducting <b>transmon</b> qubits	Quantum circuits
	50	11/2017 (tests)		
<b>Rigetti 19Q</b> 	19	12/2017	Superconducting <b>transmon</b> qubits	Quantum circuits
<b>Intel Tangle Lake</b> 	49	01/2018 (tests)	Superconducting qubits	Quantum circuits
<b>Google Bristlecone</b> 	72	03/2018 (tests)	Superconducting <b>transmon</b> qubits	Quantum circuits
<b>UC Berkeley QNL</b> 	4 (8)	2017	Superconducting <b>transmon</b> qubits	Quantum circuits
	64	2022 ?		

# Noisy Intermediate Scale Quantum (NISQ)

- Current state of the art quantum computers fall into two main categories
  - Quantum annealers, e.g. D-Wave (2000 qubits)
  - Universal quantum computers, e.g. IBM Q (20 qubits)
- All quantum computers are not equal: challenges include connectivity and noise

## IBM 20Q Tokyo chip



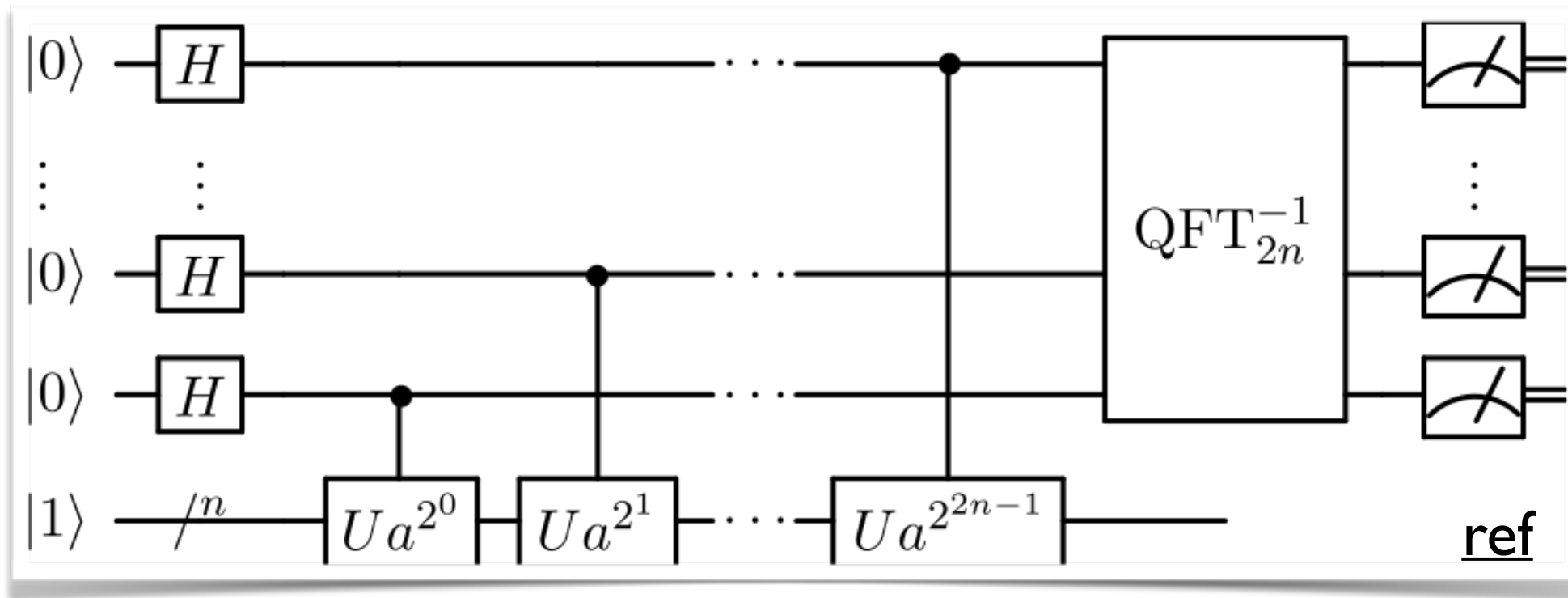
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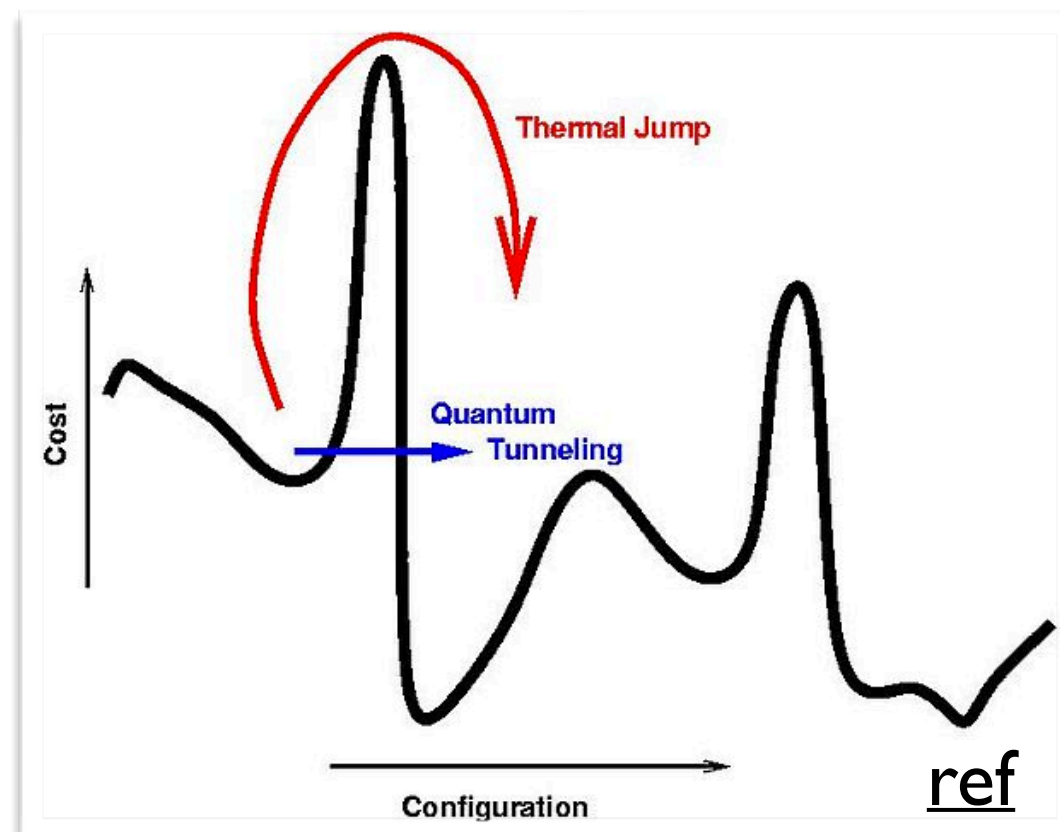


# Not all qubits are equal

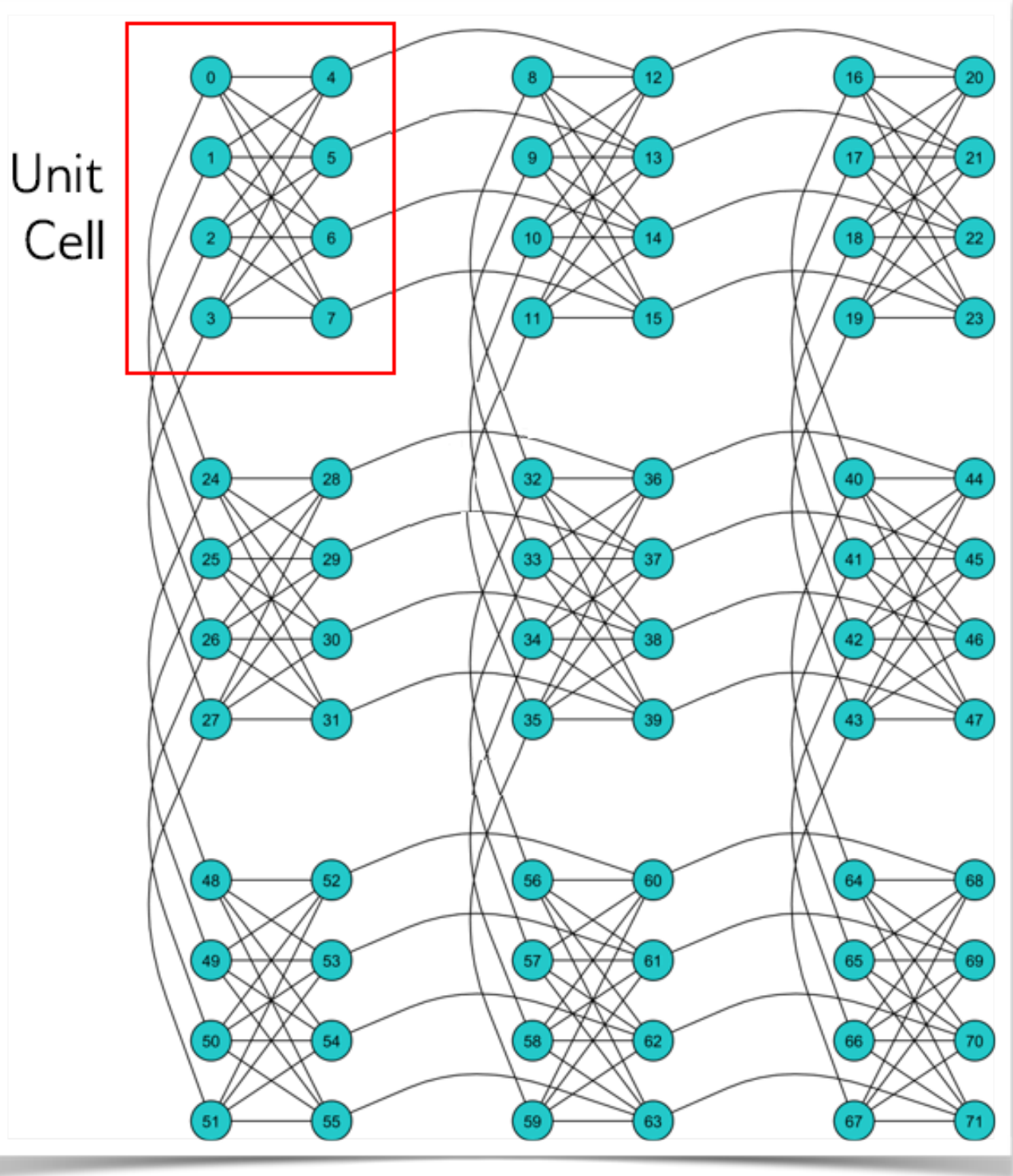
## Quantum Circuits



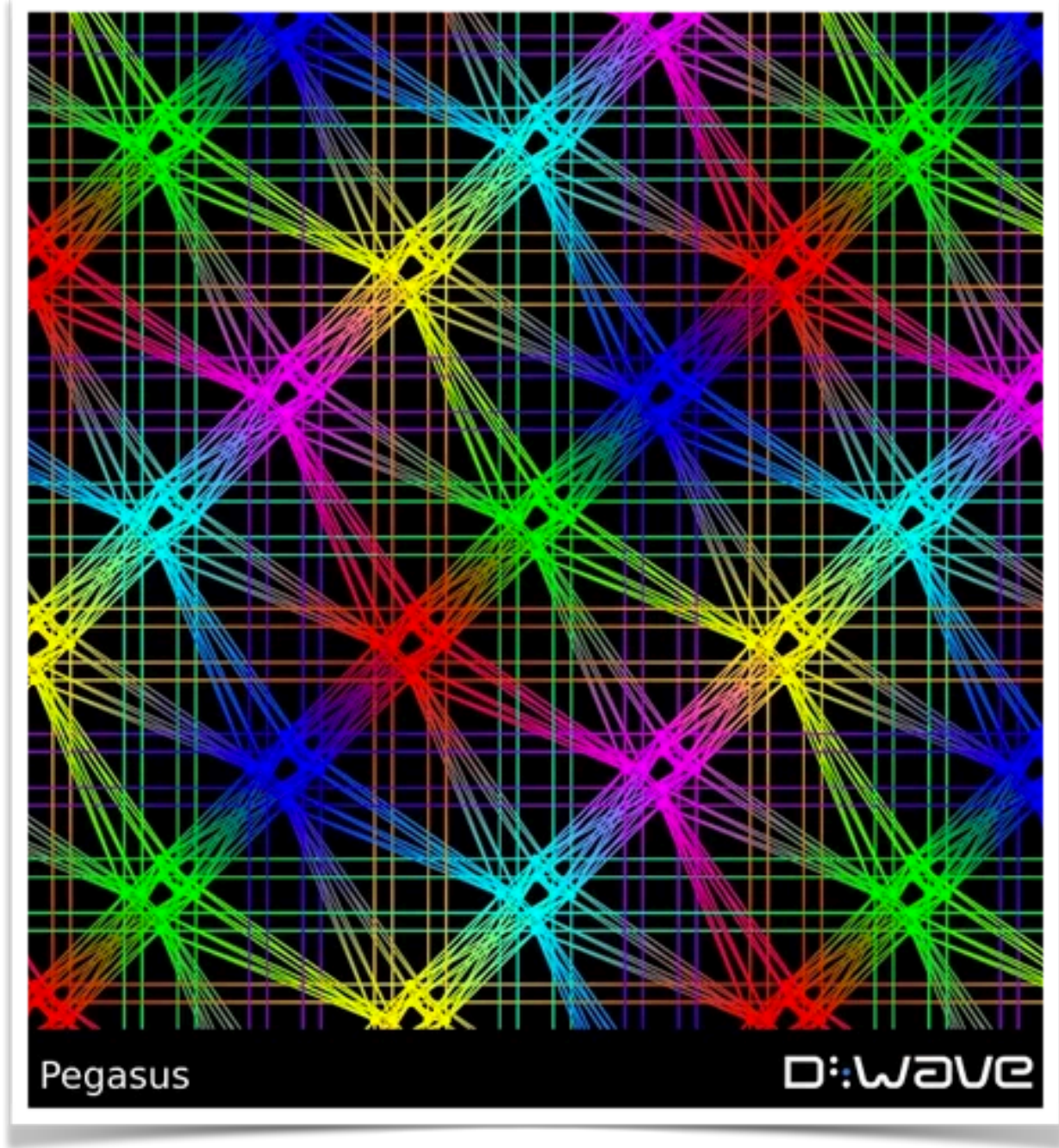
## Quantum Annealing



# D-Wave Connectivity



D-Wave Chimera  
(current)

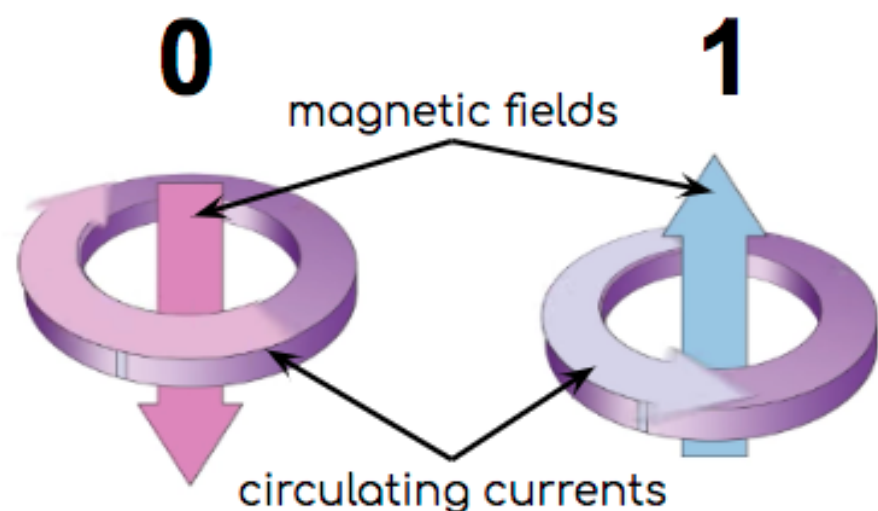


D-Wave Pegasus  
(next gen.)

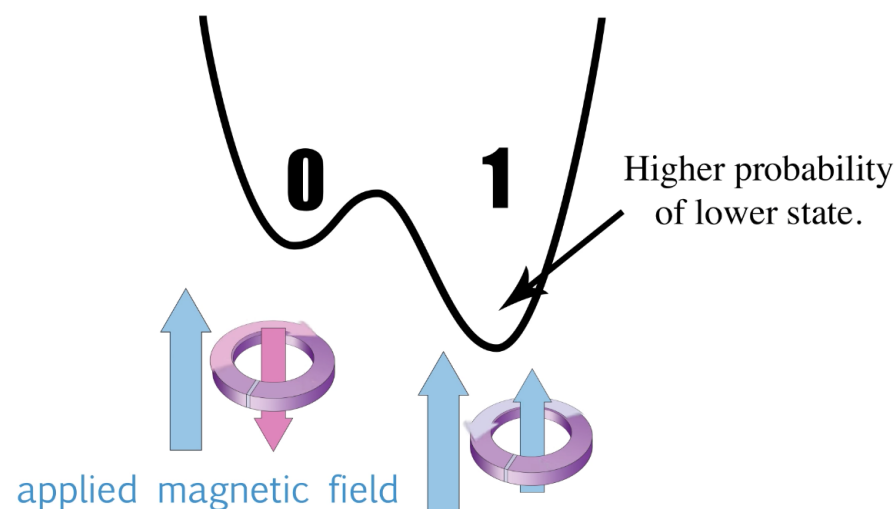
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# Quantum Annealing on D-Wave computers

source: [dwavesys on YouTube](#)

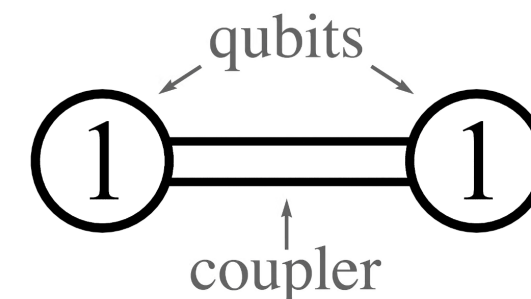


qubits  $\Rightarrow q_i$



bias weights  $\Rightarrow a_i$

degree to which a qubit tends to a particular state



coupling strength  $\Rightarrow b_{ij}$

degree to which two qubits tend to the same state

$$O(a; b; q) = \sum_{i=1}^N a_i q_i + \sum_i^N \sum_j^N b_{ij} q_i q_j \quad q_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

QUBO

*Quadratic  
Unconstrained  
Binary  
Optimisation*

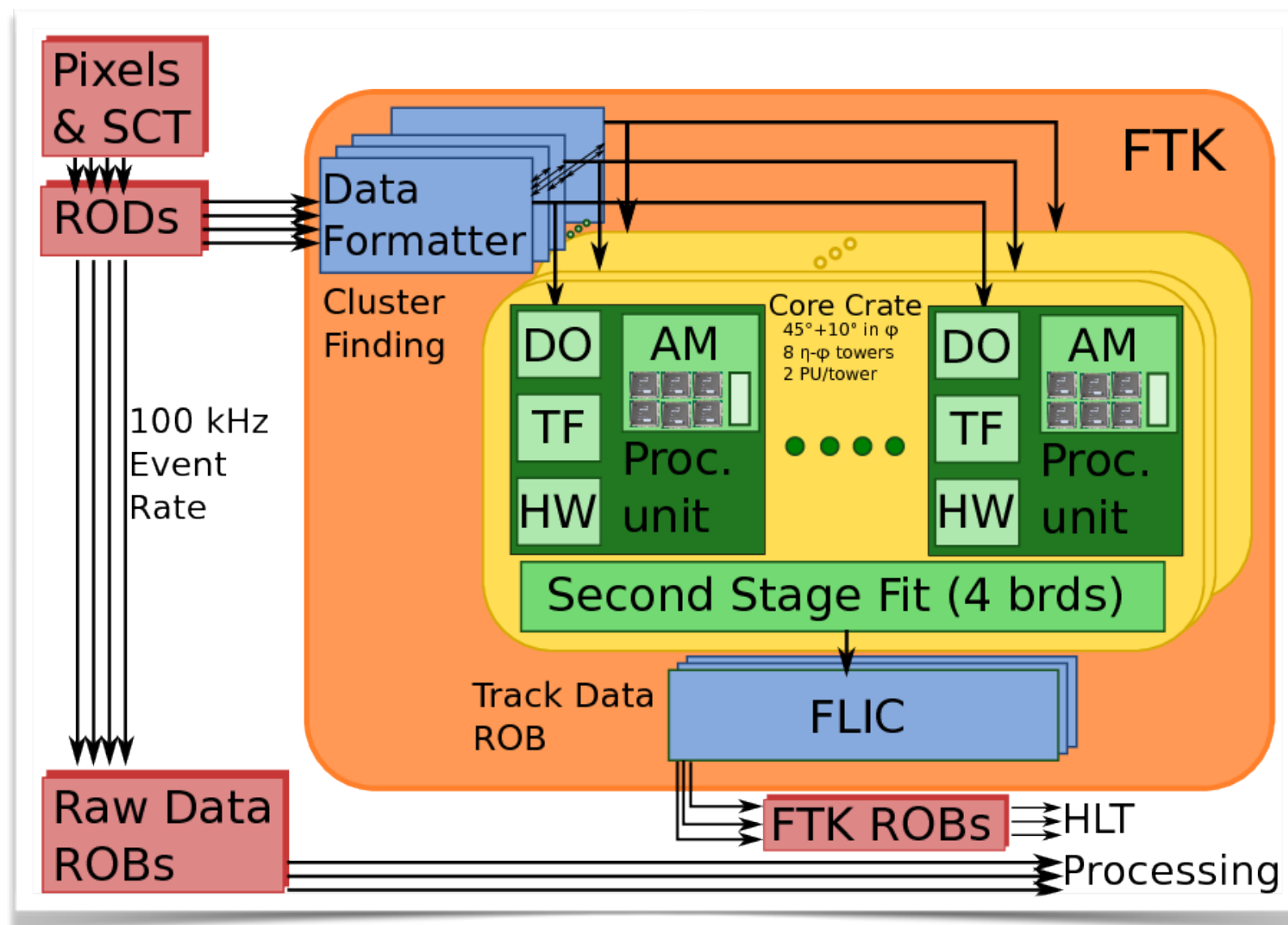


# **Track Reconstruction**

## **I. Associative Memory**

# Tracking with Associative Memory

- Store possible track patterns directly in hardware
  - Direct mapping from hit patterns to tracks
  - Avoids scaling with combinatorics
  - Can be sensitive to changes in detector conditions
- Currently being installed within ATLAS as the Fast Track Trigger (FTK)



# Quantum Associative Memory

- Theoretically proven asymptotic advantages of circuit-based QC
  - Optimal\* recall of unstructured memories
  - Optimal memory capacity

## Strategy

- Memorize  $N$  patterns by assembling a quantum superposition of the basis states:

$$|\Xi\rangle = \sum^N \alpha_i |\xi^i\rangle, \quad \alpha_i \in \mathbb{C} \quad \wedge \quad N \leq 2^n \quad \wedge \quad \sum^N |\alpha_i|^2 = 1$$

- Apply generalized Grover's algorithm to amplify the amplitude of a pattern being recalled.
- Measure memory

\*an algorithm is optimal if no other algorithm can outperform it by more than a constant factor

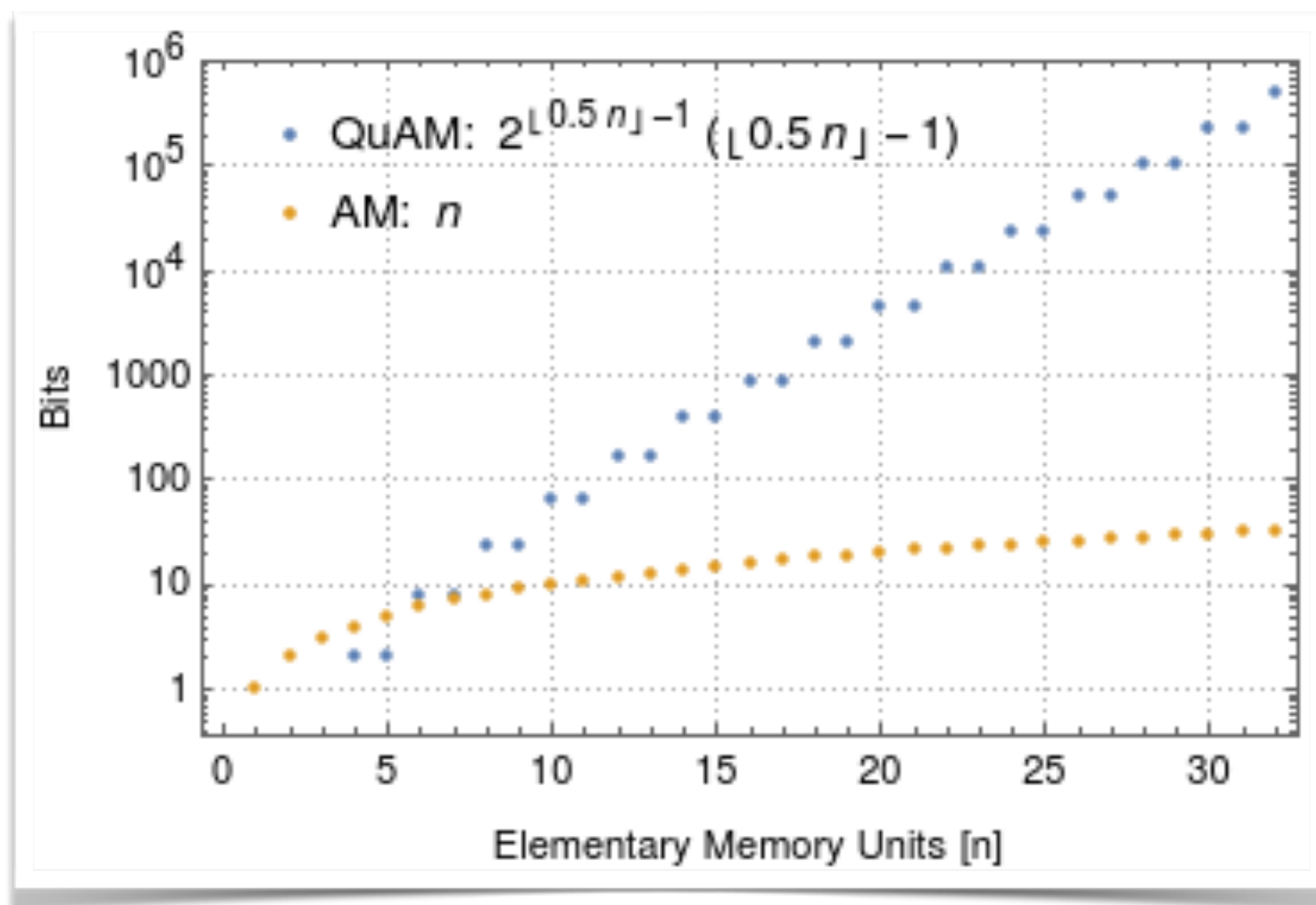


# Storage Capacity

Exponential storage capacity ( $2^d$ )

Requires  $2(d+1)$  qubits to operate

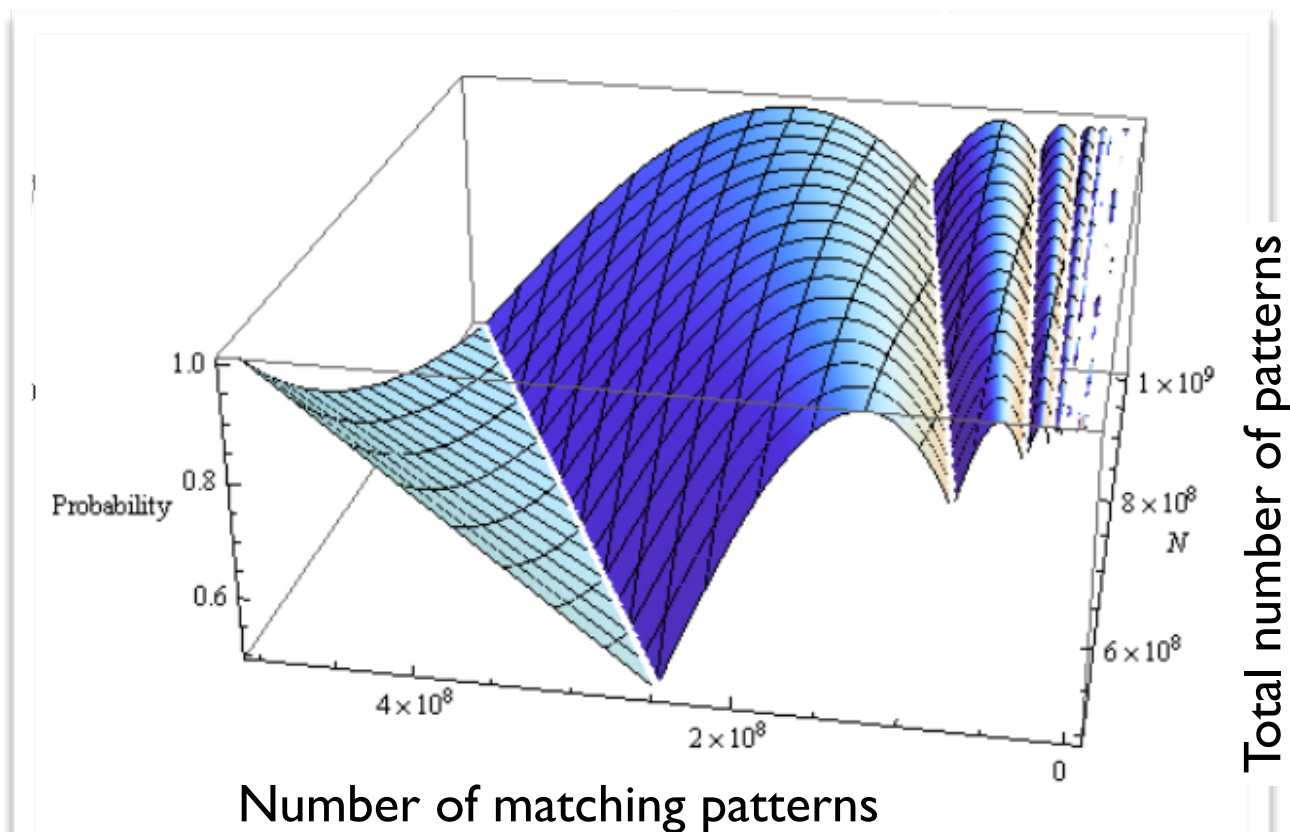
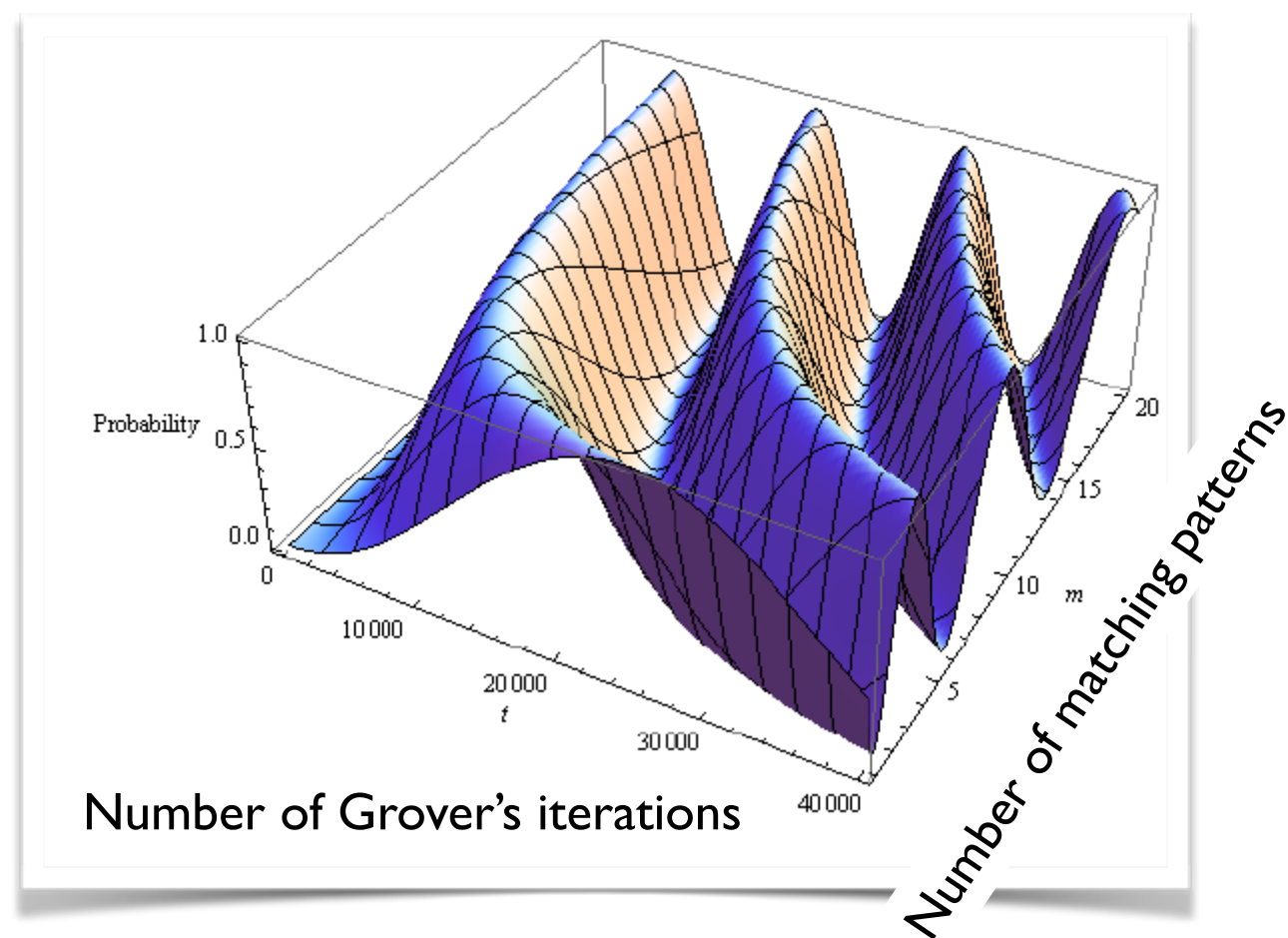
Detector hit identifier (bits)	8	16	32
Binary track pattern (bits)	64	128	256
QuAM register (qubits)	130	258	514
QuAM capacity (patterns)	$\sim 10^{19}$	$\sim 10^{38}$	$\sim 10^{77}$



cf:  $10^{78}$ - $10^{82}$  atoms in the known universe

# Recall Efficiency

- Theoretical probability of measuring a solution as a function of the number of Grover's iterations and matching patterns (for  $N = 10^9$ )
- Peak probability for measuring a solution as a function of the number of matching and total number of patterns stored in QuAM
- Both estimates assume the special case of uniform initial superposition and errorless quantum dynamics



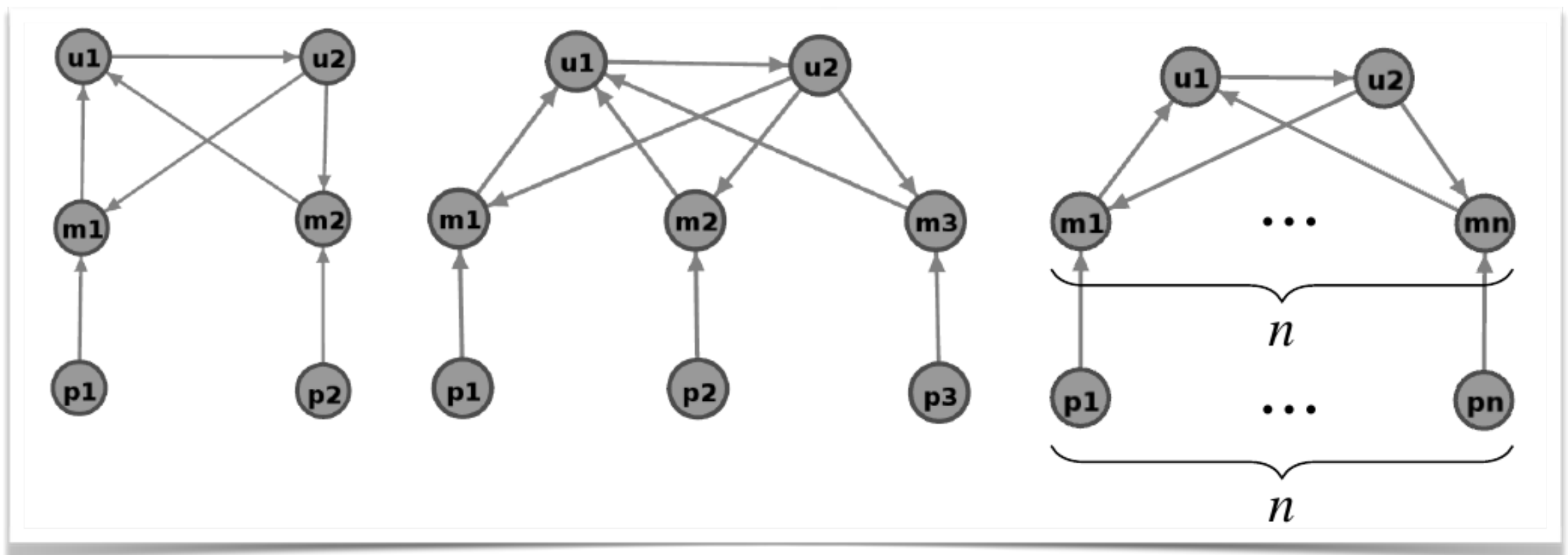
# Topological Constraints

- Integral (storage and recall) topological requirements for patterns containing different numbers of bits
  - u: control register
  - p: temporary storage register
  - m: “permanent” storage register

2-bit

3-bit

n-bit





# Implementation (I)

[arXiv:1902.00498](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.00498)

- We developed QuAM circuit generators implementing the Trugenberger's initialization and generalized Grover's algorithms
  - Use open-source quantum computing platform, Qiskit
- Supported backends
  - IBM QE cloud-based quantum chips [5Q Yorktown/ Tenerife, 14Q Melbourne, 20Q Tokyo]
  - Local/remote noisy simulators
- Currently working on porting QuAM to 20Q Tokyo



## Storage QuAM

```

1 OPENQASM 2.0;
2 include "qelib1.inc";
3 qreg qr[6];
4 creg cr[0];
5 x qr[3];
6 cx qr[3],qr[0];
7 ccx qr[0],qr[3],qr[4];
8 ccx qr[1],qr[3],qr[5];
9 cx qr[1],qr[5];
10 cx qr[0],qr[4];
11 x qr[5];
12 x qr[4];
13 ccx qr[5],qr[4],qr[2];
14 cu3(1.23095941734077,3.14159265358979,3.14159265358979) qr[2],qr[3];
15 ccx qr[5],qr[4],qr[2];
16 x qr[5];
17 x qr[4];
18 cx qr[1],qr[5];
19 cx qr[0],qr[4];
20 ccx qr[0],qr[3],qr[4];
21 ccx qr[1],qr[3],qr[5];
22 reset qr[0];
23 reset qr[1];
24 cx qr[3],qr[0];
25 cx qr[3],qr[1];
  
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Snippet

## Retrieval QuAM

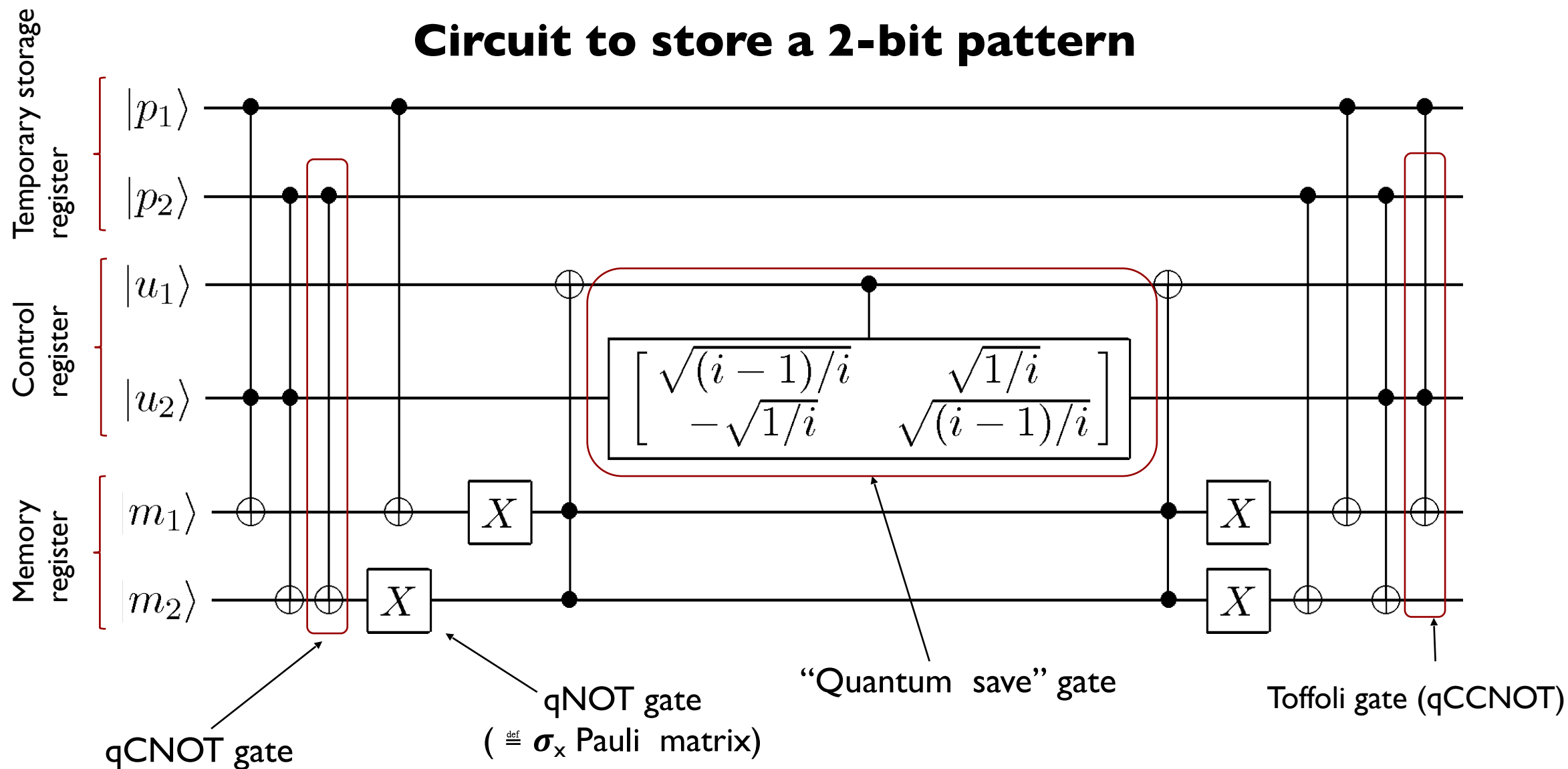
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51 s qr[5];
52 h qr[5];
53 cx qr[4],qr[5];
54 h qr[5];
55 s qr[5];
56 h qr[4];
57 h qr[5];
58 x qr[4];
59 x qr[5];
60 h qr[5];
61 cx qr[4],qr[5];
62 h qr[5];
63 x qr[4];
64 x qr[5];
65 h qr[4];
66 h qr[5];
67 h qr[5];
68 cx qr[4],qr[5];
69 h qr[5];
  
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Snippet

C.A Trugenberger, Probabilistic Quantum Memories. PRL 87, 6 (2001)

# Storage Protocol: Quantum Circuit



$$1. |\psi_0^1\rangle = |p_1^1, \dots, p_d^1; 01; 0_1, \dots, 0_d\rangle$$

$$2. |\psi_1^i\rangle = \prod_{j=1}^d {}^{2c} \hat{X}_{p_j^i u_2 m_j} |\psi_0^i\rangle$$

$$3. |\psi_2^i\rangle = \prod_{j=1}^d \hat{X}_{m_j} {}^{1c} \hat{X}_{p_j^i m_j} |\psi_1^i\rangle$$

$$4. |\psi_3^i\rangle = {}^{dc} \hat{X}_{m_1 \dots m_d u_1} |\psi_2^i\rangle$$

$$5. |\psi_4^i\rangle = {}^{1c} \hat{S}_{u_1 u_2} (p+1-i) |\psi_3^i\rangle$$

$$6. |\psi_5^i\rangle = {}^{dc} \hat{X}_{m_1 \dots m_d u_1} |\psi_4^i\rangle$$

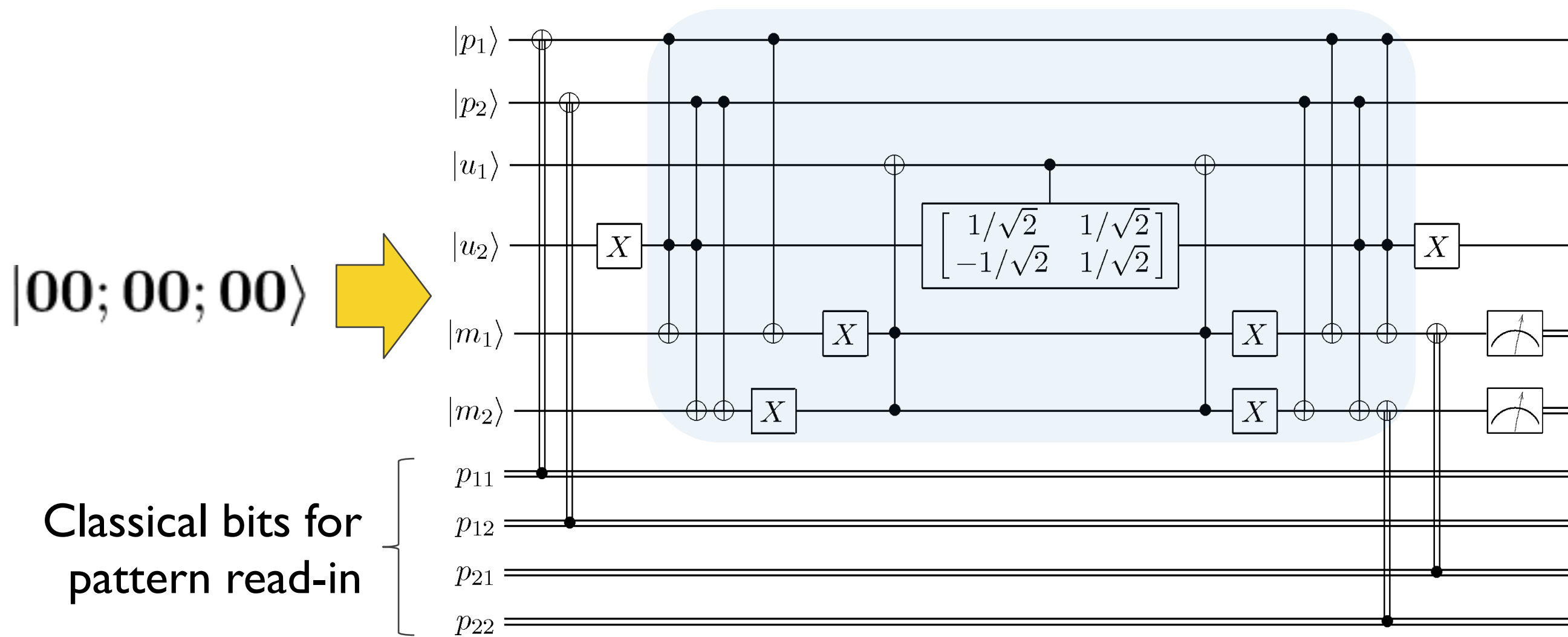
$$7. |\psi_6^i\rangle = \prod_{j=d}^1 {}^{1c} \hat{X}_{p_j^i m_j} \hat{X}_{m_j} |\psi_5^i\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} \sum_{k=1}^i |p^i; 00; p^k\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{p-i}{p}} |p^i; 01; p^i\rangle$$

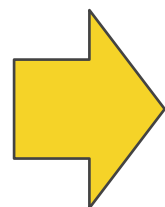
$$8. |\psi_7^i\rangle = \prod_{j=d}^1 {}^{2c} \hat{X}_{p_j^i u_2 m_j} |\psi_6^i\rangle$$

# Storage protocol: Example of 2-bit pattern

*End-to-end circuit for storing two 2-bit patterns: "01" and "10"*



*Patterns '01' and '10' saved*



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |01; 00\rangle (|01\rangle + |10\rangle)$$





# **Track Reconstruction**

## **2. Quantum Annealing**

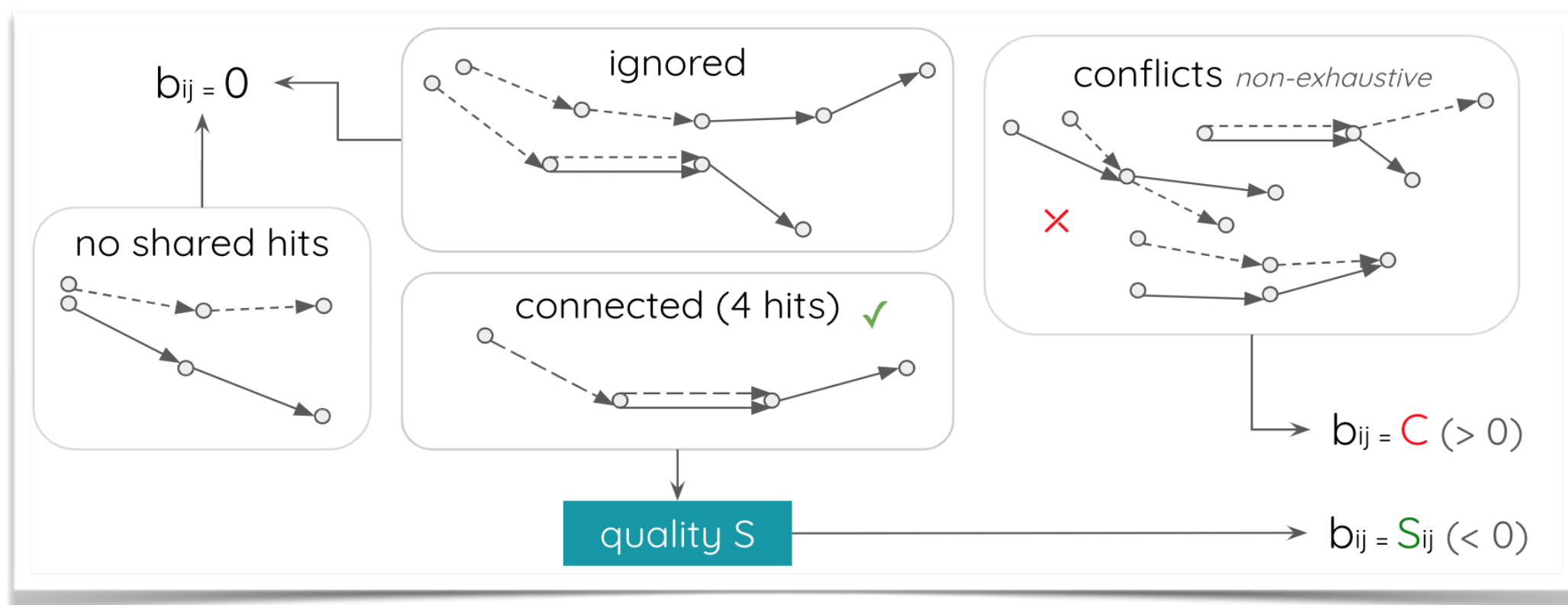
[arXiv:1902.08324](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.08324)

<https://github.com/derlin/hepqpr-qallse>

Also, see talk by [J.R. Vlimant](#) for a similar study

# Quantum Annealing

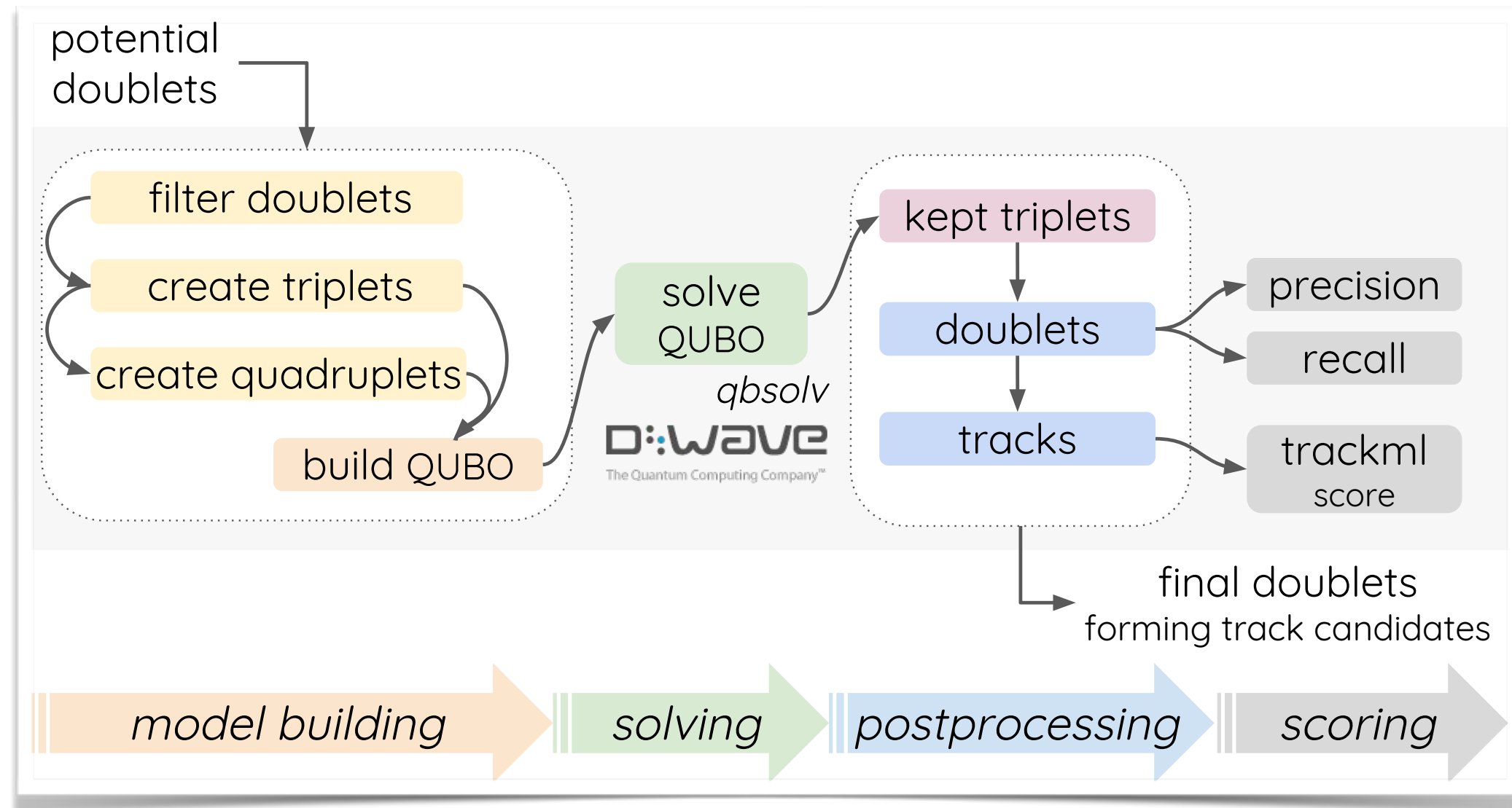
- Explore how Quantum Annealing could bring speed improvements to pattern recognition
  - Implement QUBO minimisation on D-Wave and study scaling with track multiplicity
- Inspired from [1], but use triplets instead of doublets as binary variables
- Encode the quality of the triplets based on physics properties. The pair-wise connections  $b$  act as constraints ( $>0$ ) or incentives ( $<0$ ):



- Minimizing  $O$  means selecting the best triplets to form track candidates.

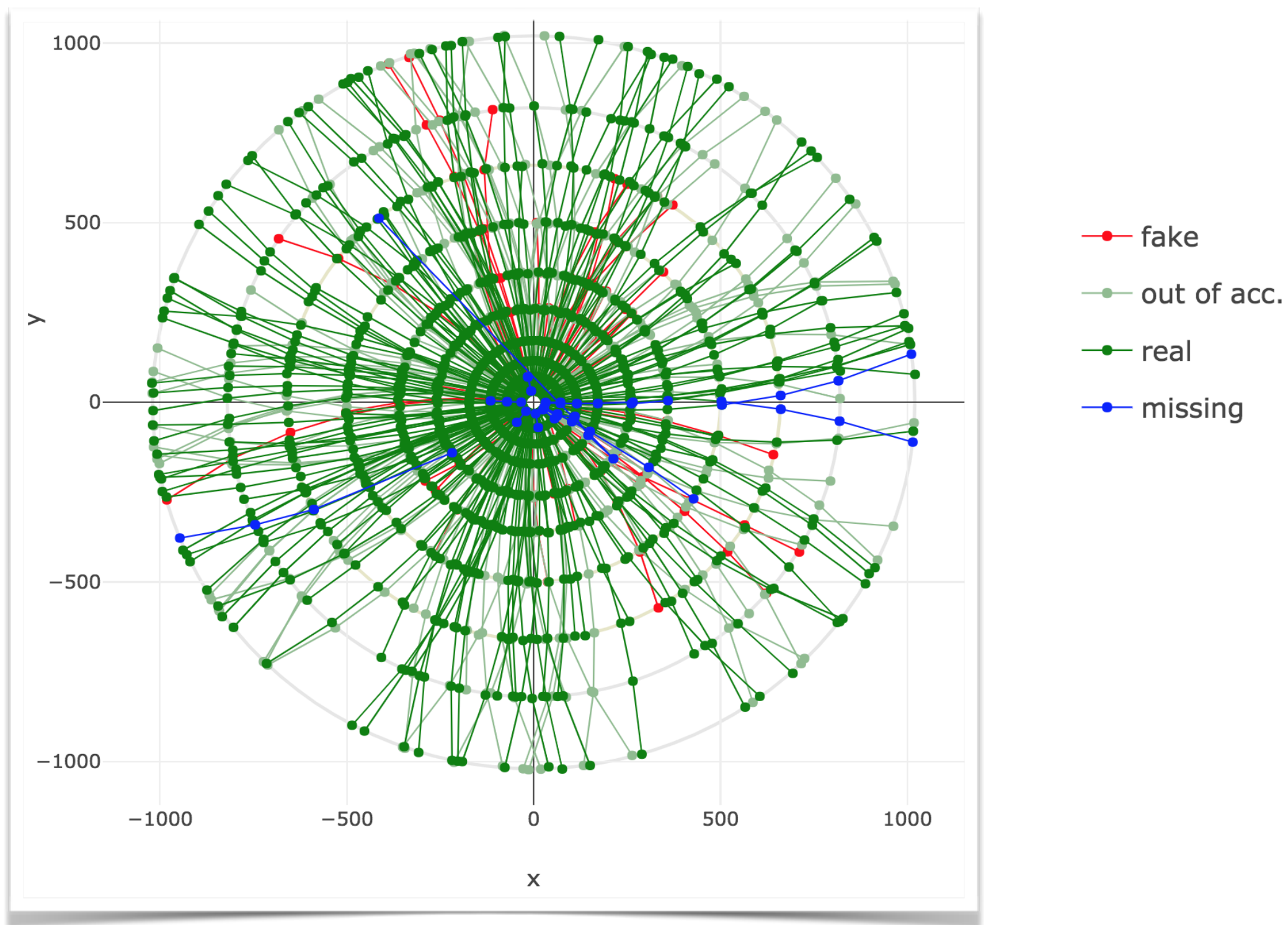
# Implementation

- Dataset: simplified TrackML dataset, focus on barrel,  $1+ \text{ GeV}$ , at least 5 hits
  - Toy dataset, but representative of expected conditions at the HL-LHC
- QUBO solvers: qbsolv (D-Wave + simulation), neal (classical)
- D-Wave 2X (1152 qubits), D-Wave 2000Q (2048 qubits)



# Performance

Doublets for a dataset of 2456 particles and 16855 hits

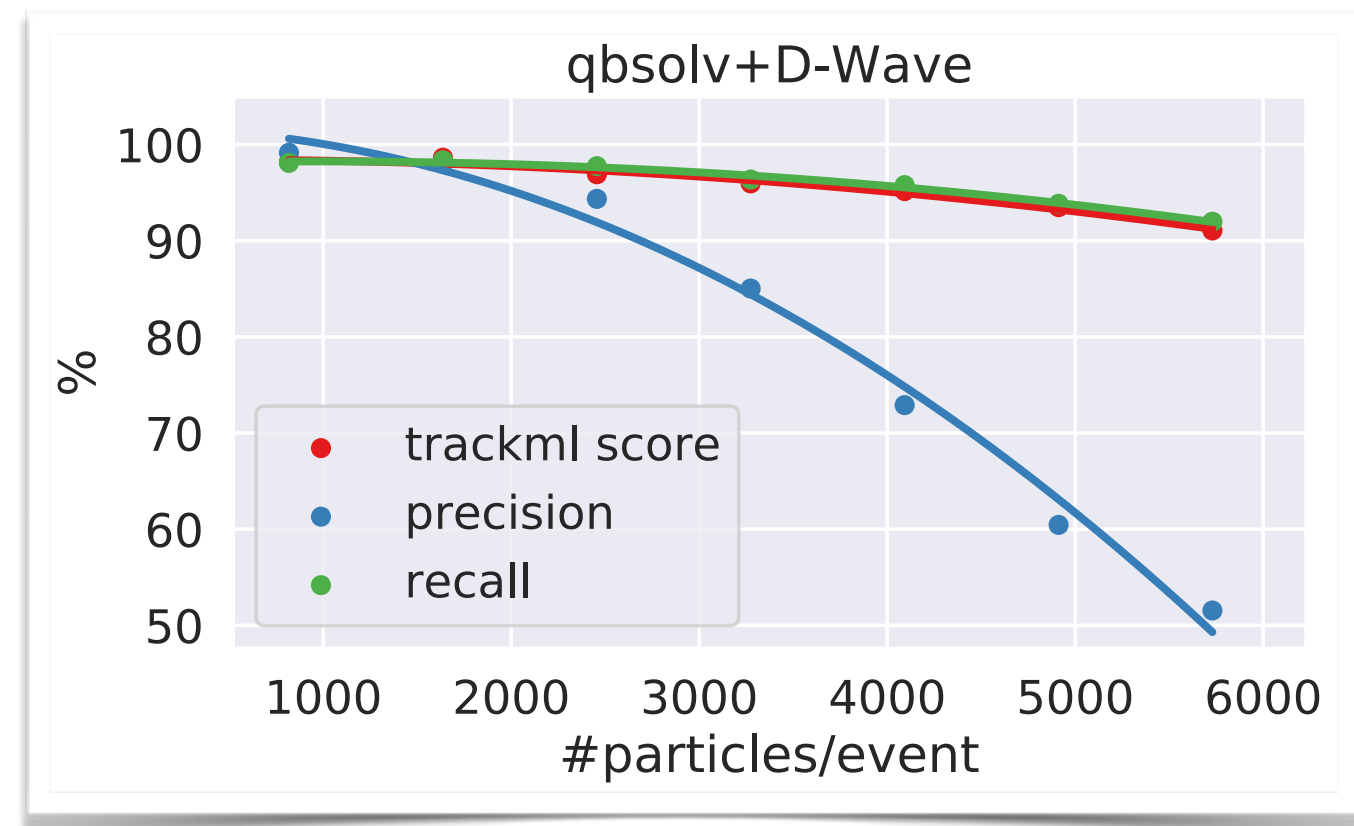
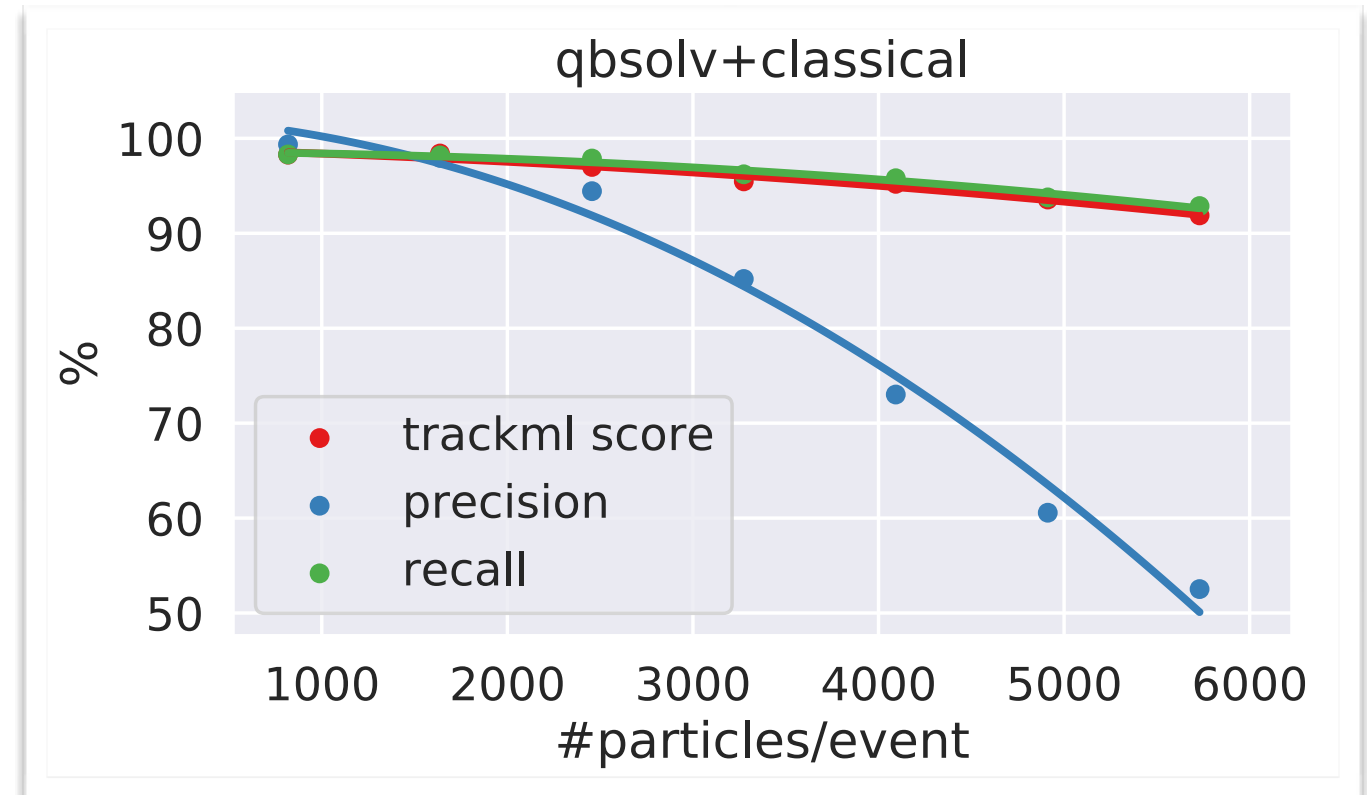


# Performance (2)

Physics performance as a function of occupancy using a D-Wave 2X (qbsolv).

**Timing** building: 0-20 min | solving: 0-12s (sim), 0-56 min (D-Wave)

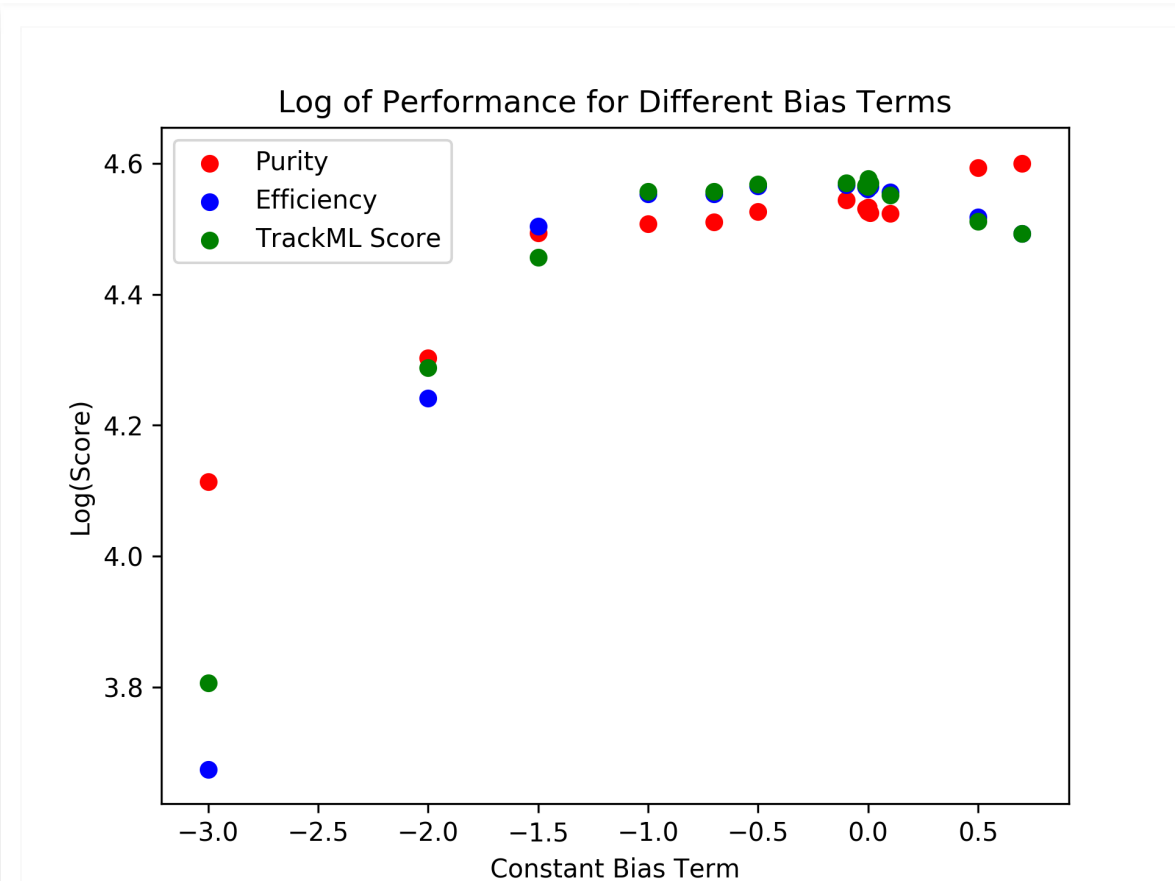
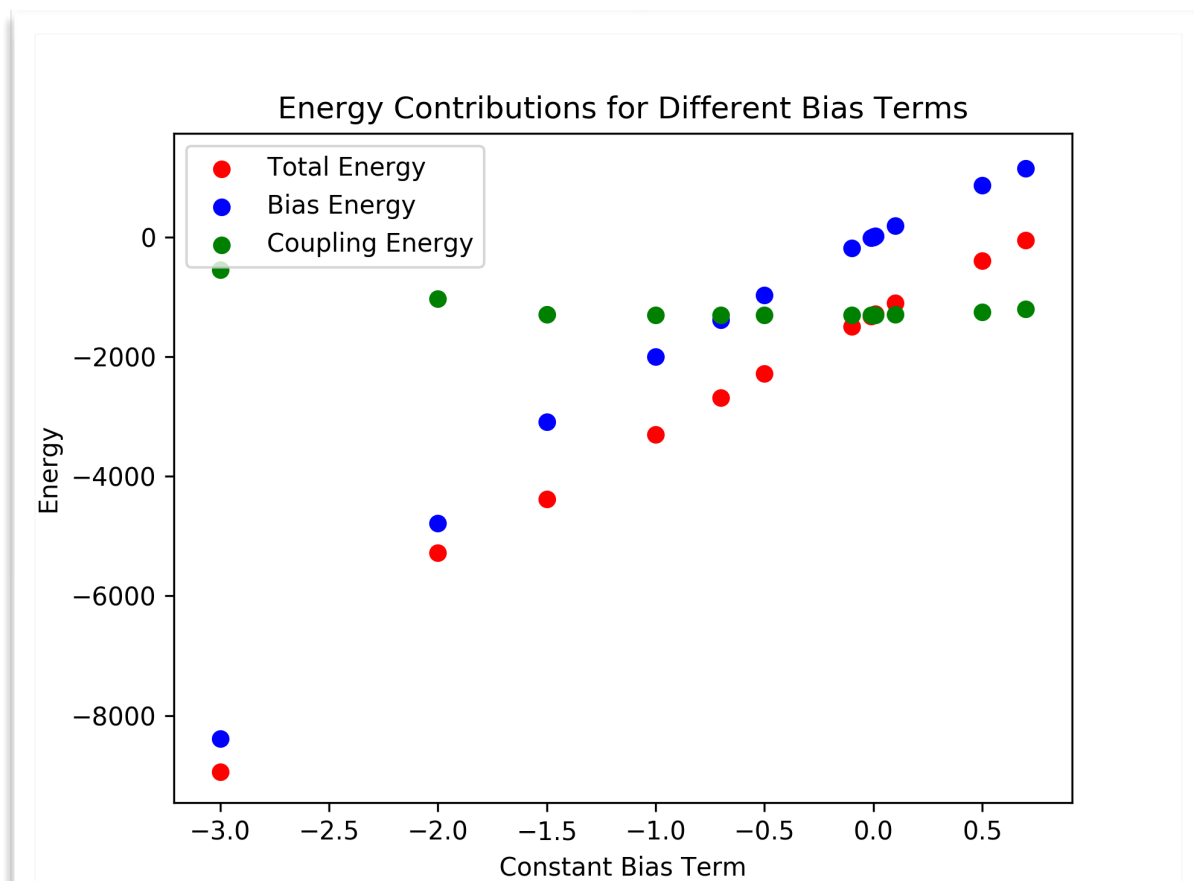
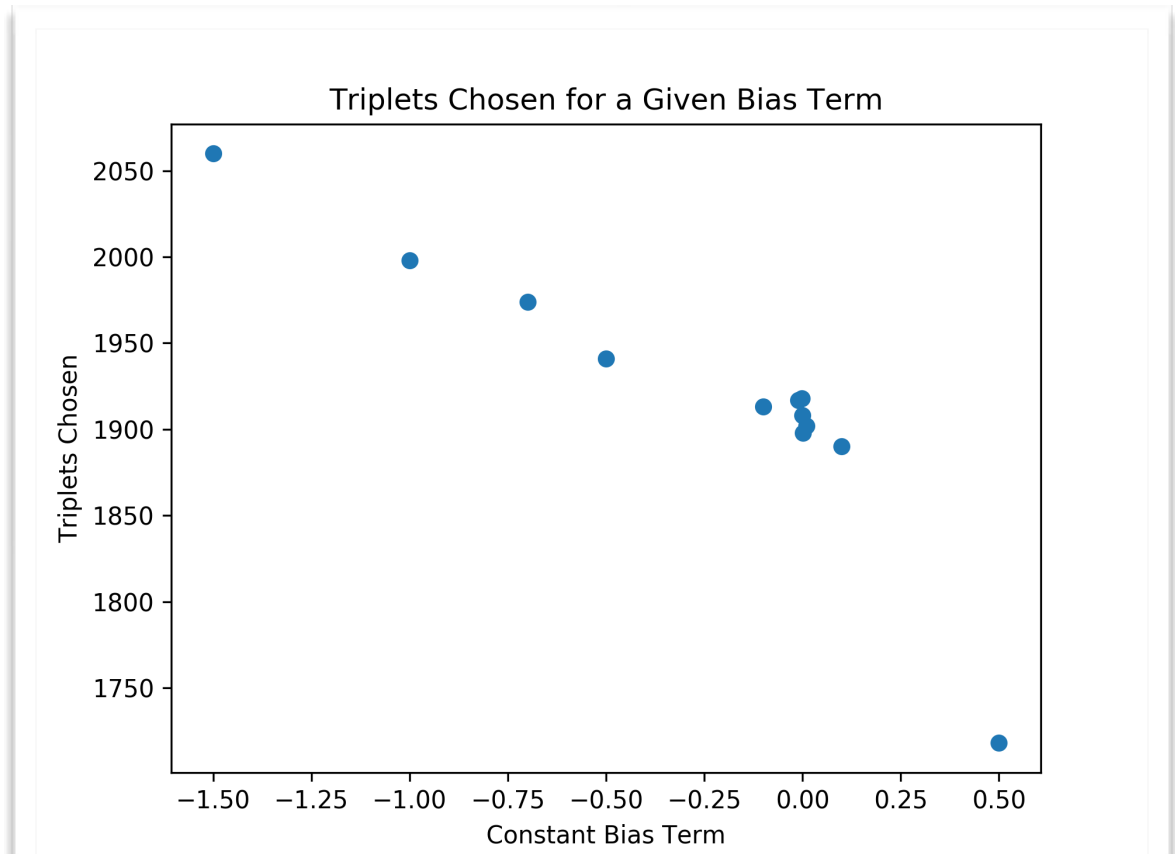
**D-Wave | sim.** Same physics, important time overhead with D-Wave





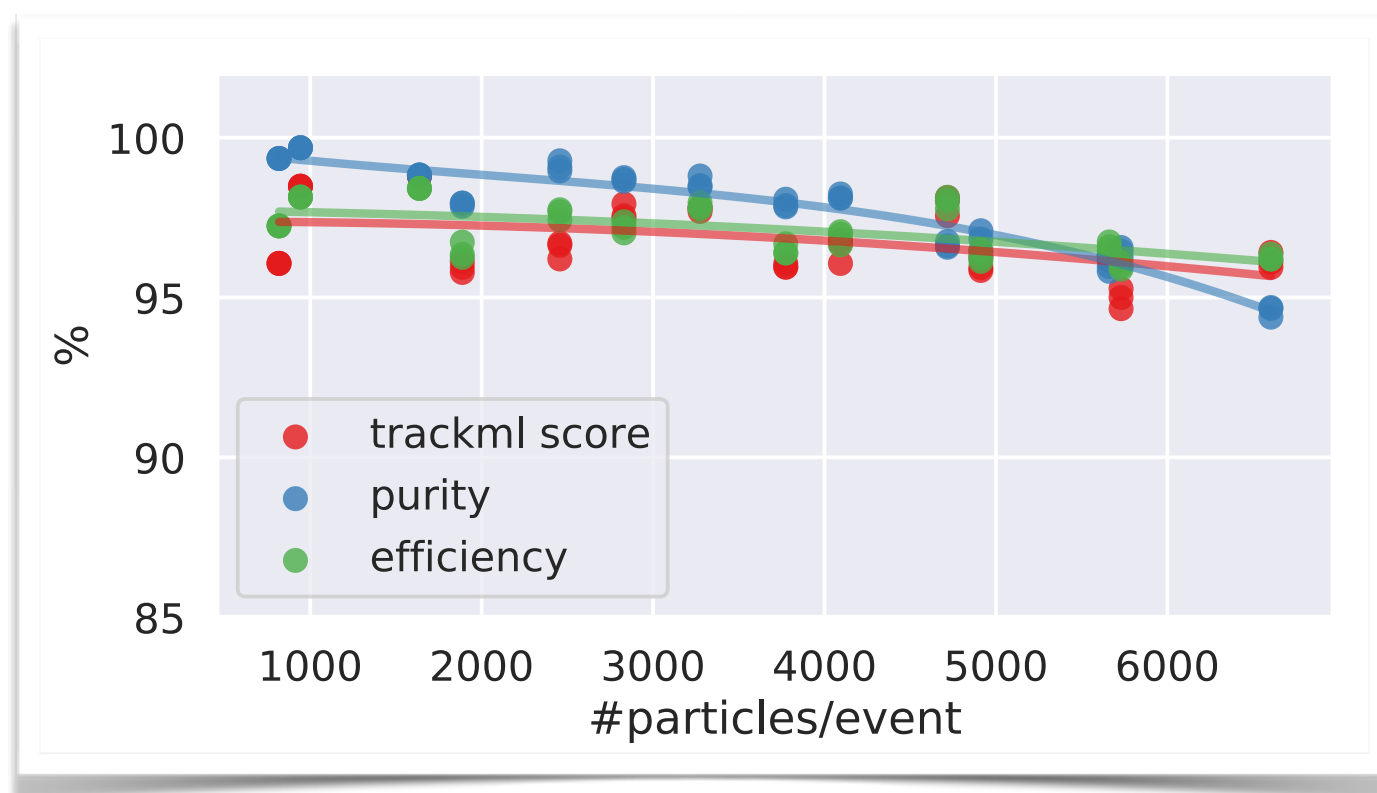
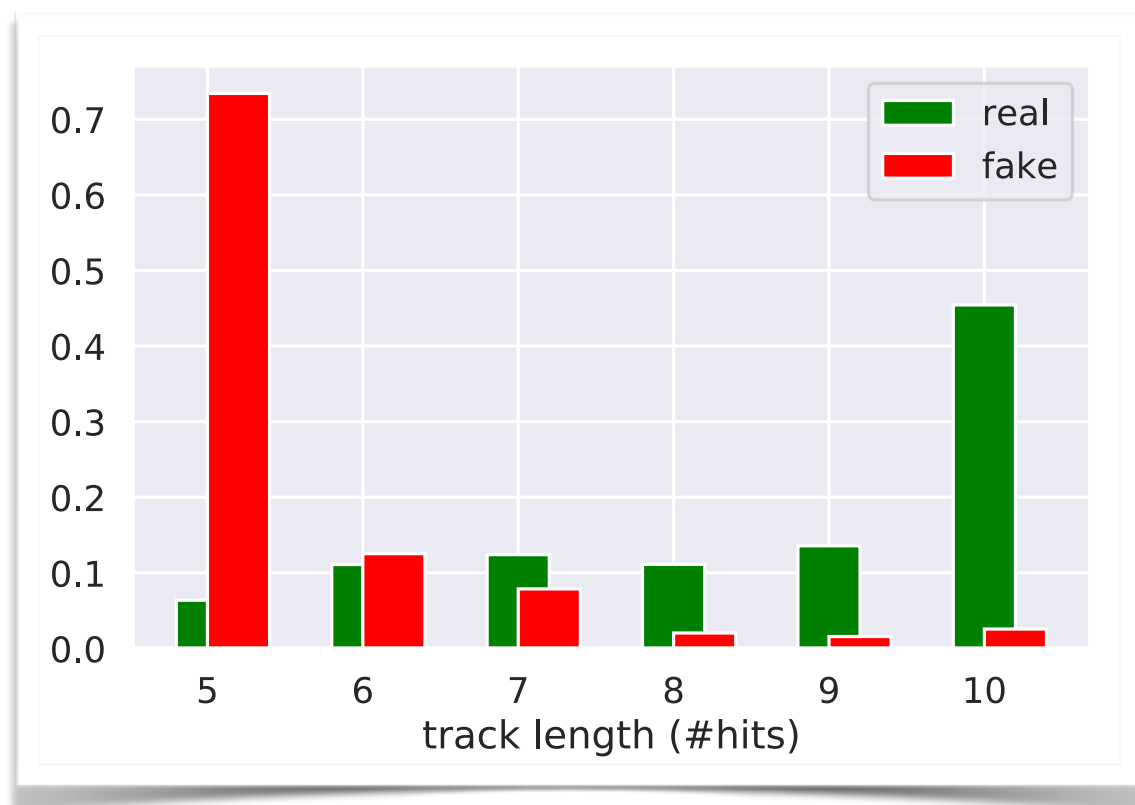
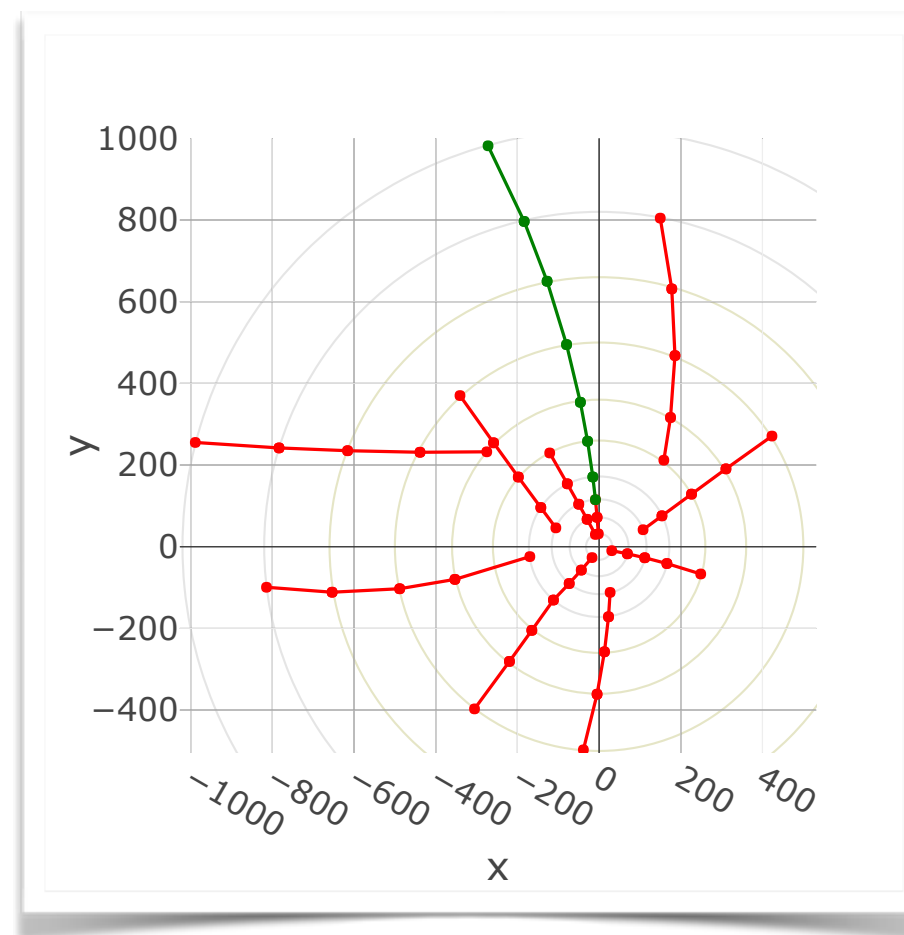
# Exploring the bias term

- Study performance of the qubo when varying the bias term on sample with 30% of expected HL-LHC lumi
- Performance is very sensitive to the value of the bias
- Generally do not see improved performance by including a non-zero bias term



# Reducing Fakes

- At multiplicities approaching the HL-LHC, we find a significant contribution of fakes
- Exploring methods to reduce fakes
  - tighten quality requirements
  - refining conflict & bias terms, e.g. including vertex assumptions



# Conclusion

- Charged particle tracking is well-recognised as being a key computing challenge for the HL-LHC
- Many different approaches are currently being pursued to exploit new hardware and software paradigms
- Presented here a brief summary of the HEP.QPR project, which is exploring the use of quantum computers for pattern recognition
  - Quantum associative memory could provide exponential storage capacity with optimal time access
  - Quantum annealing could provide algorithms with execution time independent of the particle multiplicity
- Its definitely very early days for quantum computers, but, by exploring the currently available machines, we can begin to determine algorithms and also provide input on their design towards our needs

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